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## DEAN KYLE HOPES FOR LARGE APPROPRIATION

Expects Government Aid in Fight on Citrus Canker.

That Texas will fare well in the federal appropriations for the fight on citrus canker is the belief of Dean E. J. Kyle of the school of agriculture at A. and M. Mr. Kyle represented the citrus growers at a recent conference in Washington when the need for a large appropriation for this fight was placed before the agricultural department and the committee on agriculture.

Mr. Kyle is elated over the action of the national congress in including in the urgent deficiency bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the fight in the coastal states.

"That means that the federal government officially recognizes the work of the canker committee and realizes the crisis in this industry that is being faced in Texas, Florida and other states," said Mr. Kyle. "I am in receipt of messages from Washington which state that from all indications the agricultural bill this coming April will carry around \$2,000,000 for this purpose. It will require fully that much to begin the campaign of eradication which must be carried on to combat this disease. The citrus industry will be given a great setback by the destruction of the groves in infected states, but to continue as we are now would mean absolute ruin for that industry within a very few years."

## FOUR STOCKMEN WERE KILLED

[By Associated Press.] Council Bluffs, Iowa, Feb. 7.—Four stockmen riding on the rear of a car were killed in a rear end freight collision near Dunlap, Iowa, today.

## KITCHENER TO EGYPT DERBY WAR SECRETARY

Further Report of Charges to Take Place in British Army Heads. French Retake Part of Lost Trench and Lose it Again—German Airmen Attack British Camp—Situation at Washington is Much Brighter Over Prospect of Peaceful Settlement of Lusitania Affair.

[By Associated Press.] London, Feb. 8.—Active fighting on the French front south of the River Somme continues, according to the German official statement. The Germans say they lost a small section of one of the conquered trenches, but regained it in a counter attack. German airmen attacked successfully the British camps at Dixmude.

The Manchester Guardian suggests that Viscount Brice or Lord Balfour be sent to the United States with full powers to settle the blockade controversy.

The Weekly World hears that Kitchener will be sent to Egypt and Earl Derby, the recruiter, will be made secretary for war.

General Polivanoff says the Russian

## ONTARIO TOWNS THROWN INTO PANIC

Rumors of Several Bomb Plots Circulated, but All Proved Unfounded.

[By Associated Press.]

Niagara Falls, Ont., Feb. 7.—Several towns in Western Ontario were thrown into a panic late Saturday by a hurried call to arms of the home guards. Buglers hurried through the streets sounding the alarm, and unfounded rumors that one of the bridges here had been blown up added to the excitement.

At St. Catherine's theater audiences were dismissed when the men began to leave in response to the bugle calls. Guards were doubled at a munition plant there. No officials would say who ordered the guard, but it was understood to have been a general order throughout the province.

No orders were received to strengthen the guard on the bridges along the Niagara frontier. Telephone messages from points along the Welland Canal reported that nothing unusual happened during the day and no precautionary orders had been received. It is believed here that the excitement was due to some local cause.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LODGE.

Citizens of Bryan and College Organized Bryan Council.

At a meeting held yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Bryan Council, Knights of Columbus, was organized and the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year:

R. Adelsperger, grand knight; P. J. Vitopil, deputy grand knight; W. J. Feserman, financial secretary-treasurer; Jno. Daly Jr., recorder; T. F. Mallon, chancellor; J. T. Lawler, warden; T. J. Conway, lecturer; J. B. Gleissner, chaplain; Frank Fickey, inner guard; H. B. McDowell, outer guard. Trustees (three years), J. M. Spreckelmeyer; (two years), Gus Schultz; (one year), Fritz Kohler.

## WILL HAMMER WAY TO CALAIS AND DUNKIRK

The Allies Are Expecting New Offensive by the Germans on Their Left Wing at the Western Front—May Drive on Calais and Dunkirk by Massing Artillery and Infantry—Germany Believes Crisis With America is Past on Lusitania Affair—Turkish Heir to Throne Was Assassinated and Not A Suicide—A British Steamer Was Sunk—Conscription in England Effective February 10th.

[By Associated Press.] London, Feb. 3.—London newspapers believe the Germans are planning a new offensive on a large scale against the allies' left wing.

They are expected to attempt to blast the war to Calais and Dunkirk by massing artillery and infantry.

Military operations in the other theaters are at a halt.

## Believe Crisis Past.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Feb. 3.—A feeling is prevalent in German circles that the crisis impending in German and American relations, particularly regarding the Lusitania case, has been moderated by semi-official announcement regarding the sending of instructions to Ambassador Bernstorff, which gives hope of final settlement.

## Assassinated; Not a Suicide.

[By Associated Press.] Paris, Feb. 3.—The Matin publishes an interview with a Turkish price, saying Yusef Izzedin, the Turkish heir apparent, was assassinated and

did not suicide. It is said he had revolted against the young Turks.

## British Steamer Sunk.

[By Associated Press.]

London, Feb. 3.—The British steamer Belle of France has been sunk. The Europeans in the crew and 220 Lascars were landed. Nineteen Lascars are missing.

## Lansing Studying Appam Case.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 3.—Secretary of State Lansing said today there was no question on the Appam's status as a prize, but the question of disposition is still involved. A further consideration of The Hague convention and the Prussian-American treaty is under way. Lieutenant Berge refuses to land the British.

## Feb. 10 Conscription Date.

[By Associated Press.]

London, Feb. 3.—King George has issued a proclamation making conscription come into force on Feb. 10.

## SPECIAL AWARDS TO FOOTBALL MEN

All Who Participated in Game With University Given Gold Footballs.

Members of the A. and M. College football team who participated in the game between A. and M. and the University of Texas were presented with gold footballs today by the corps of cadets and friends of the college. The gold balls bear the names of each man and the position played. On the other side in crimson and white enamel, "A. and M., '13," and in yellow and white, "U. of T., '0."

All men who participated in that game were given footballs. Those receiving balls were: Garrity, captain, and Kendrick, ends; Crow and Settegast, tackles; Braumiller, Eschenberg and Rylander, guards; Rogers, center; Burns, quarter; Rollins, Collins, Coleman, Gillilan and Mitchell, backs; Harlan, head coach; Graves, assistant coach, and A. C. Bull, student manager.

Men who received the secondary letters were given silver balls, with their names engraved on the ball. McMurray, fullback; Litterest, quarter; Edgar and Wilson, guards, and Minier, halfback, were given these balls.

Gold footballs of honor were given to J. E. White, J. F. Ehler, C. S. Clay and H. B. Killough, seniors this year who have been on the squad for the past four years, but who failed to make their letters any year.

Instead of giving sweaters to the "T" winners the athletic council this year awarded these men handsome medals to be used as watch fobs. These gold medals are to bear bars for each letter that the holder makes.

## BOYS' BICYCLE CLUB.

Several of the younger boys of Bryan who are owners of bicycles have organized a bicycle club and will be furnished a motordrome where they can hold races and ride by E. F. Parks, proprietor of the E. F. Parks furniture establishment, who also carries a line of high-grade bicycles. The drome is being constructed at the rear of Mr. Parks residence on South Dallas avenue and will be completed in the near future. The idea has taken well with the boys, as there are about fifty bicycle owners in Bryan and some interesting races should be held after the completion of the wooden track.

## WORKING HARD TO SAVE LEVEE

Twenty-Five Hundred Men Working at Little Rock—Water but 18 Inches From the Top.

[By Associated Press.]

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 7.—Twenty-five hundred men are working on the Mississippi levee in front of the town today, with the water at fifty-six-foot stage and within eighteen inches of the top of the levees, both here and at Arkansas City, which is also on the brink of the flood. The people feel confident they will be able to cope with the most critical flood test. A serious break in the levees of either city with crumbling embankment will virtually make extinct every city the Mississippi flood waters strike.

## WILL GIVE AUTO FOR BEST GARDEN

[By Associated Press.]

Oklahoma City, Ok., Feb. 7.—Mayor Overholser announces he will give a five passenger automobile to the child under 15 making the greatest net profit on a vacant lot garden next summer.

## DOUBLE GAME BASKET BALL.

Alexander Girls Defeated by Edge and Tabor Boys Beaten by Edge Boys.

After the victories over the strong teams of B. B. A., Tabor and New Baden, the Alexander basket ball girls met their first defeat this season when they played Edge Saturday on their court. The final score was 10 to 15 at the end of the last half, after which the Tabor boys played the Edge boys' team on the same court and were beaten by a score of 7 to 22.

Both games were well played and enjoyed by a large crowd of spectators.

## SERVED TERMS IN ELECTION CASES

Several Convicted at Terra Haute in Election Conspiracy Cases Released.

[By Associated Press.]

Leavenworth, Kan., Feb. 7.—Edward Holler, Alexander Aczell, Charles Houghton, Joseph O'Mara and George Severn, former Terra Haute, Ind., city officials, convicted in the election conspiracy cases, were released today, after serving their full sentences.

## POLL TAX PAYMENTS.

Full County Report Showing Payments by Precincts.

Following is the complete report of County Tax Collector W. I. McCulloch, showing the number of poll taxes and exemptions collected in each precinct of the county:

Precinct—	Polls.	Exempts.
1.....	120.....	0
2.....	87.....	1
3.....	240.....	5
4.....	153.....	17
5.....	95.....	4
6.....	164.....	5
7.....	102.....	4
8.....	128.....	2
9.....	138.....	5
10.....	394.....	20
11.....	508.....	29
Total.....	2,129	92
Grand total.....	2,221	

These totals compared with 1,799 polls collected in 1915 and fifty-six exemptions issued, shows an increase for 1916 of 330 polls and 36 exemptions.

## SEED CORN.

I have a limited amount of my Yellow Dent Seed Corn, especially raised for me on Red River, from corn that was tested last year. Call and look at this corn. It pays to plant good seed.

FRANK CLARKE, Notto Building, Bryan, Tex.

## FACED DEATH ON CRUMBLING LEVEE

Three Hundred Negro Convicts Rescued—Floods Increase and All Possible Relief Effort Being Made.

[By Associated Press.]

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 3.—Three hundred negro convicts, threatened with drowning on a crumbling levee of the state farm at Cummins, were rescued today, according to the penitentiary commission, by a crew of the Arkansas flood relief in the lower reaches of the stream today.

Continued calls for help are being received from the flooded district.

The flood waters reached Dumas last night and the residents are fleeing for the hills. The town is overrun with cattle and horses.

The Mississippi has reached flood stage and is fifty-four feet deep at Arkansas City.

Helena hears the levee at New Augusta went out last night.

A relief party arrived at Gould in a boat today and will remove all the women and children from the town.

Altogether 599 negro convicts have been rescued from levees and isolated camps to safety points. Thirty-five passengers aboard a marooned Iron Mountain train were rescued by a special train.

## PRESIDENT WANTS GREATEST NAVY

Says Our Navy Should Be Unconquerable and Fifteen Thousand Cheered His Words.

[By Associated Press.]

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 3.—In his speech this morning President Wilson said: "The American navy, in my judgment, should be unconquerable and the greatest navy in the world."

He was loudly cheered when he made this remark. The president said that most submarine commanders had instructions conforming with international law, but the act of one commander might set the world afire, including America. Fifteen thousand people heard him.

By the time the first baby is a year old it has a toy bank full of money.

## SITUATION BELIEVED NEARER SETTLEMENT

Situation Over the Lusitania Case is Much Improved and Senator Stone of Foreign Relations Committee Thinks Incident Closed. Germany Has Agreed That Reprisals are to be Made Only Against Enemy Ships. Big Changes are Expected in the War Heads of Great Britain. Terrific Artillery Engagements Continue on the French Front.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 7.—Secretary of State Lansing denies today that new demands were made on Germany in the Lusitania case when the Germans considered the negotiations were practically at an end.

Secretary Lansing referred to the statement of Under Secretary Zimmerman at Berlin, doubting that Zimmerman ever made it.

Senator Stone of the foreign relations committee, after conferences with administration officials, said he believed the case was practically settled, but refused to give details. Secretary Lansing conferred with President Wilson today.

Germany agrees that reprisals must not be directed against any other than enemy ships. This is expressly offered to take the place of the phrase containing the word "illegal" incorporated in the Lusitania agreement, which is now being discussed.

## Big Changes Expected.

[By Associated Press.]

London, Feb. 7.—War changes of great importance in the direction of the war is contemplated, says the Daily Sketch, asserting that Kitchener will probably leave the war office and Sir William Robertson, now chief of staff, will take over the active direction and that a "civilian of real ability for organization will become secretary of war."

Artillery engagements of terrific intensity have been in progress in the Labassaa section and south of the Somme River, the German official report says today.

Allied sources say the friction between Roumania and the central powers increases.

## BIG STEEL INTERESTS TRANSFERRED

[By Associated Press.]

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 7.—The Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company buys the Controtaje Steel Company, according to announcement today. It is a notable transfer of big interests.

## SEVENTY BELOW ZERO IN ALASKA

[By Associated Press.]

Seward, Alaska, Feb. 7.—Mail carriers from the far north arriving today say the temperature stood at 71 below zero a few days ago and that it was impossible to make their regular trips.

## LIEUTENANTS TO BE COURT-MARTIALED

Charged by Funston With Crossing Border in Violation of Orders.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 7.—Lieutenants Fort, Peyton and Waldron, who recently led a detachment of American troops into Mexico to rescue two soldiers, have been ordered court-martialed by General Funston. They will be charged with crossing the Mexican border in violation of orders.

## CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MOTHER

[By Associated Press.]

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 7.—John Edward Teiper was charged with murder in the first degree today in having killed his mother on Jan. 30, when the Teiper automobile was held up, three occupants shot and valuables taken by a supposed highwayman. Bail was denied.

When a fool and his money are parted the parting is such sweet sorrow!



# CUT ARTERIES IN ARMS BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH

**Heir to Throne of Ottoman Empire Could Not Bear Continued Ill Health and Severed His Arteries Letting His Life Ebb Away—Big Developments are Expected in the Balkans—February 15th is the Date Set for Combined German, Bulgarian and Turk Attack on Allies at Solonika—What to Do With the Appam is A Red Hot Question—More Lusitania Instructions Coming From Germany—Reported Greece and Rumania Sign Agreement.**

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Feb. 2.—The suicide of Yussif Izzeddin, heir apparent to the Turkish throne, was reported in a Constantinople Reuter dispatch. It said he ended his life yesterday by cutting the arteries of his arms. Ill health was given as the cause of the rash act.

## BIG DEVELOPMENT SOON.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Feb. 2.—Indications of possible notable developments in the Balkans were contained in today's news. A dispatch from Athens declares the Germans and Bulgarians, with a force of 150,000 Turks, would likely begin the Saloniki attack on Feb. 15. The British have been prevented from advancing in the Mesopotamian region on account of floods.

## The Appam a Puzzle.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Feb. 2.—State department officials say if the Appam be held as a prize the Prussian treaty of 1828 will govern the case, meaning the boat will be turned over to the German captors. Some Germans say the boat might be towed to the three-mile limit and sunk for fear of it falling into British hands. Sir Spring

## LANSING KEEPS QUIET.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Feb. 4.—Secretary of State Lansing refuses to discuss the Lusitania case in the absence of official information. Something definite may be done after President Wilson returns this afternoon.

President Wilson read the Berlin dispatches on the Lusitania situation on the train. He made no comment, but members of the party said he regarded the situation as "unfavorable."

## ENGLAND MAKES DEMAND.

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Feb. 4.—British Ambassador Spring-Rice presents a formal demand on behalf of his government for the return of the Appam to the British owners. A new diplomatic controversy with Great Britain is foreshadowed, as the United States has practically decided to declare the ship a German prize.

## Austrians Make Air Raids.

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Feb. 4.—The Vienna official report says three airship raids were made on Durazzo, Albania, in the last few days. Raids were also made on Avlona.

## Paris Offers Rewards.

Paris, Feb. 4.—A French newspaper announces the offer of 25,000 francs (\$5,000) to any aviator bringing down a Zeppelin, and 10,000 francs to any gunner obtaining the same result with shells.

## Morganthau Coming Home.

(By Associated Press.)  
Berlin, Feb. 4.—Henry Morganthau, United States ambassador to Turkey, has arrived here en route home.

## Turks Evacuate Erzerum.

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Feb. 4.—A Petrograd dispatch says the newspaper Novoe Vremya has received trustworthy information that the Turks evacuated Erzerum, one of the principal strongholds on the Caucasian front.

Vienna reports the bombardment of Enezacz, Galacia, by a Russian air squadron and Russian raids in Volynia, while Austrian airmen are equally active. A second Zeppelin raid on Saloniki Wednesday was frustrated by the allied batteries.

Expunge the accounts of man's inhumanity to man from the world's history, and a small volume would contain the rest.

# STATE COLLEGE OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Interesting Description of One of the State's Leading Schools by a Bryan Girl.

(Editor's Note—The following article is a bit of clever advertising on the part of the faculty through the students, well known to all editors, but we give it space because of the general information contained relative to this great school.)

Denton, Tex., Jan. 20.—Dear Readers of the Eagle: Perhaps you Bryan people would like to hear something about our state college for women—the College of Industrial Arts. I have been here only four months, but I already know more about the college than I expected to know after being here for four years. It seems that I already know every old oak tree on the campus. May I tell you a few things about our college?

The college is only thirteen years old now, and she has an enrollment of 750 students. Dear friends, look through your telescope of imagination for thirteen years hence and imagine the increase in the College of Industrial Arts, if in the future she continues to grow as she has grown in the past.

I shall now give you some idea as to the buildings of the college. The academy arts building is a three-story brick structure of imposing appearance and located on the most elevated part of the college campus. Almost all of the rooms of this building are used either for class rooms or laboratories. Here we also have a large college library. Two new wings are being added to this building now, and are to be ready for use at the opening of school in September.

The household arts and science building is about seventy-five yards west of the academic arts building and here are the wood carving and wood working rooms, the domestic science and art laboratories and lecture rooms. This building also contains the college auditorium, the seating capacity of which is more than eleven hundred.

There are two dormitories, Stoddard Hall, the state dormitory and Methodist dormitory. There is also an annex in connection with Stoddard Hall. However, these dormitories do not accommodate more than half of the students, but money has been appropriated for building another dormitory, which, we hope, will be completed before another year.

The other buildings on the campus: Hygeia hall, the college hospital, the boiler house, the heating plant for the buildings of the college, the horticulture building, the photography building, president's home, demonstration cottage, the gymnasium and the laundry building.

People usually have a false idea as to the courses offered here. Cooking and sewing are not all that we learn here by any means, even if that is the first thought that enters one's mind when he hears C. I. A. mentioned. We learn every thing here, it seems to me. Then, too, the music course is one of the best in the South.

The college has one of the strongest faculties to be found in any college. The instructors are all specialists in their respective lines. They are teachers of the most thorough training and successful experience.

I was about to omit the most important phase of the college, and that is the uniform. Well, we do have to dress alike, but we have become accustomed to it and now we really like the blue serge.

These are only a few of the many interesting things about the college, but as the space is so limited I shall not tell you any more this time. The space that has been given to this article I appreciate most sincerely.

LILAC JONES.

# CITY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY CALLED

Executive Committee of City Sets Feb. 23, 1916, as Date—Nominate Mayor and Three Aldermen.

At a meeting of the City Democratic Executive Committee of the city of Bryan a primary was called for Feb. 23, 1916, to nominate a mayor and three aldermen; two aldermen for a two-year term and one for a one-year term. The committee agreed that all parties who desire their names on the ticket to present them not later than noon Feb. 15, 1916, to O. E. Saunders.

The request should be in writing, stating office, name and residence of party, and that he agrees to pay his part of the expenses that may be assessed against him by the committee.

# RIVER TOW BOAT BOILERS EXPLODED

It Is Believed a Number Perished in Explosion—Debris Fell on Both Sides of the River.

(By Associated Press.)

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 2.—A number, it is believed, perished when the boilers of the "Sam Brown," a tow boat, exploded in the Ohio River today. Debris from the explosion landed on both sides of the river and the boat sank immediately.

## TWO IMPORTANT MOVES.

Hensarling to Go Into Present Postoffice Building—W. T. James Comes to Hensarling Building.

The Eagle was informed today of two important moves that will be made in the near future by the Hensarling Mercantile Company, and W. T. James, proprietor of the James Furniture establishment. The Hensarling Mercantile Company has disposed of its dry goods stock, as was reported, and is at present selling at reduced prices its supply of farm implements and all vehicles, and as soon as the new postoffice building is completed and the postoffice moved into its new quarters the proprietors will move the business into the Myers' building, now occupied by the postoffice. The proprietors state that the building will be renovated and put in first-class condition and that they have decided to convert their store into an up to date grocery store, but will keep the agency of the farm implement and vehicle companies of which they are now agents.

W. T. James proprietor of the James furniture store, located in the A. J. Wagner building on Bryan and West Anderson streets, has leased the Hensarling Mercantile building and will move into same as soon as it is vacated by the mercantile company. The new location, Mr. James states, is one of the best buildings in the city for the furniture business, there being an abundance of room, two floors of 115 by 55 feet. The exact date of the completion of the postoffice building and the date of the moves is not yet known, but the parties involved expect to be in their new locations within the next few months.

## PROVIDE A HOME. GROWN MEAT SUPPLY.

The cotton grower on a small farm should get two dozen young hens. They can pick up half their feed and when fed generously to supply the remainder, will produce eggs at a cost of not over 5c a dozen. The hens should be set as fast as they show the inclination. Starting with two dozen hens, it is easy to raise 200 chickens during the summer. Chickens well fed are ready to eat in eight weeks from hatching. The eggs will save buying much bacon through the spring, and as soon as the young "frys" are ready to eat the need to buy meat stops.

The cotton grower should have one sow to raise pigs to furnish meat for his family. A good sow that has two litters a year will raise ten to sixteen pigs. The sow and the first litter of pigs can be kept on the waste from the kitchen, pasture or green stuffs, cut and thrown to them, and five or six pounds of grain a day until the farmer can raise the crops to feed more heavily. The pigs will furnish bacon, ham, shoulder, fresh pork and lard at an actual cost of one-fourth of what an equal amount of as good meat can be bought at the store.

The farmer who follows this plan will have to buy for his table only sugar, coffee, salt, pepper, flour and meal, and if he is thrifty he will have a surplus of garden truck, or some eggs, or a few chickens that he can trade for these, so that at settling time in the fall he will not owe a dollar for food.—Texas Industrial Congress.

# JAPANESE LINER SUNK IN COLLISION

(By Associated Press.)

Shanghai, Feb. 4.—The Japanese liner Daijin Maru was sunk Wednesday night in a collision with the steamer Liman and a hundred lives were lost.

# SIX WOMEN DIE IN BROOKLYN FIRE

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 4.—Six women were killed in a residence fire in Brooklyn this morning. A heavy snow delayed the firemen in reaching the house.

# CANADA PARLIAMENT BUILDING BURNED

Six Million Dollar Structure in Ruins. Attributed to Bomb or Infernal Machine.

(By Associated Press.)

Ottawa, Canada, Feb. 4.—Canada's \$6,000,000 parliament building lays in ruins today, swept by a fire last night attributed to a bomb or infernal machine. Six lives are known to have been lost, many injured and some still missing. The contents of the building were of great value, and the financial loss is difficult to estimate. The fire started in a reading room, where the flames leaped with rapidity in the loose papers. An investigation is to be started to determine the cause.

Commissioner of Dominion Police Sherwood has rejected the bomb theory in the capitol fire, saying it was purely accidental.

# SUBMARINE IN AMERICAN WATERS

British Officials Suspected That German Submersible Crossed Over With the Appam.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Feb. 2.—The British consul general yesterday notified British shipping to watch out for German submarines in American waters. Information received at the consulate from private sources lead them to believe that a submarine had accompanied the captured steamer Appam on her voyage across the Atlantic.

While the consular officials would not say that a submarine had been sighted, they considered the information of sufficient importance to justify them in issuing the warning and advising ship masters to keep a sharp lookout from the time they left this port.

Three British ships left port Tuesday and tomorrow three passenger and several freight ships of allied registry are due to leave for Trans-Atlantic or West Indian ports.

## NOTICE OF CITY DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 23, 1916, there will be held in the city of Bryan a Democratic city primary for the purpose of nominating a mayor and three aldermen, viz., two aldermen for terms of two years and one for a term of one year.

All white Democrats who are qualified under the election laws of Texas and who are residents of the city of Bryan may participate in said primary.

The election to be held in the city hall and polls to open at 8 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 7 o'clock p. m. E. M. Dodson and G. G. Griffin are hereby appointed judges of said election, and they are authorized to select such clerks as necessary to hold same.

This primary shall be held under the laws of Texas governing such primaries.

O. E. SAUNDERS, Chairman.

WILSON BRADLEY,

C. E. JONES,

J. M. GORDON,

F. L. HENDERSON,

Democratic Executive Committee of the City of Bryan.

# 1915 COTTON CROP 13,687,000 BALES

Decrease of 26 Per Cent From 1914 on Area 6,587,000 Acres Less.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 4.—The cotton crop this year, according to the third forecast, is estimated at 13,687,000 bales of 400 pounds, a decrease of 26 per cent from last year's crop. Department of commerce advices indicate the planted area this year at 17,380,000 acres, compared with 23,977,000 acres last year.

## SUBJECT FOR DEBATE.

Rural Schools Will Discuss Interesting Question.

In the literary and athletic contests to be held at the county court house in March between the various rural schools of the county, the following questions will be debated, and the debaters will be allowed to choose either the affirmative or negative:

"Resolved, That a constitutional tax of 1 mill on the dollar be levied for the support of the higher institutions of learning in Texas and that legislative appropriations be prohibited."

A. B. FORD,

J. E. BATSON,

Committee.

# E. F. PARKS & CO. ARE IMPROVING

Floor Space Greatly Increased and New Dust Proof Display Rooms Are Being Made.

A representative of the Eagle was invited to the business house of E. F. Parks & Co. on Bryan and West Mosely streets today to have a look at the various improvements and changes being made in the establishment. Mr. Parks, in showing the representative around, stated that he was very optimistic over the outlook for approaching prosperity and for this reason was preparing to do more business than ever before.

The new improvements consist of a new dust-proof, glass front, display room for Victrolas, the new Edison machines and pianos, which department is in charge of Miss Cecile Mistrot; a balcony built between the first and second floors for the display of the better class of furniture, the new addition adding a space of 40 by 50 feet, and the second floor has been divided into three departments. The first department is a nice room, 30 by 60 feet, papered and dust proof, where the firm will exhibit its high-class bedroom furniture, and in the next department the cheaper grade of furniture will be displayed. A new set of stairs has been added, whereby the customers can go from the balcony of the first floor onto the second floor.

The new arrangements are perfect in every detail and only a visit to the business house can show one the wonderful improvements made.

A new bicycle department has also been added to the business, along with a gasoline engine department. These are situated on the first floor next to the saddlery department. The bicycles and engines are in charge of Mr. Bert Lyall of Waxahachie, who has had several years experience in repairing bicycles and in handling them.

A new up-to-date awning will also be hung around the entire front of the building in the near future, which will also add much to its already attractive appearance.

With the new improvements the Eagle feels safe in stating that the business house is on a par with any of the business establishments in the larger cities.

The work is under the supervision of John Smith, an employee of the firm, and is being done exclusively by the employees.

Mr. Parks extends a cordial invitation to all to pay a visit to the store and have a look at the new improvements now being made.

# FATAL HOTEL FIRE AT ATLANTIC CITY

(By Associated Press.)

Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 4.—Five persons lost their lives and eight others were injured when the Overbrook hotel burned here today.

## BIBLE CLASS MEETING.

Work for Year Outlined and Committees Appointed.

The first monthly business meeting of the Men's Wesley Bible class of the First Methodist Sunday school was held in the class room last night at 8 o'clock with quite a number of the members present.

The work for the coming year was planned and a campaign for new members and a full attendance will be inaugurated in the future. The class will be divided into two sides, the side bringing in the most new members and showing the best attendance within the next sixty days will be tendered a banquet by the other side.

The class will also lend their assistance and influence in the missionary rally to be held by the church in this city next week. The meeting was very interesting and much enthusiasm was aroused in the work being done by the class.

The following committees to serve during the ensuing year were appointed by Ed Hall, president of the class: Membership—T. A. Adams, chairman; Tom Calhoun, W. A. Lyon, Julius Christian, Roy Nunn, J. W. Payne, H. J. Tuffy, J. C. Williams and J. C. Caldwell.

Social—Lamar Bethea, chairman; W. R. Fairman and P. H. Hensarling; Devotional—R. O. Allen, chairman; H. N. Cochran, W. B. Cline and J. D. Martin.

Publicity—A. M. Waldrop, chairman; A. D. Graham and W. A. Lyon; Finance—E. W. Crenshaw, chairman; Ed Hall and W. J. Coulter.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The average man would rather lose \$5 on a horse race than a nickel through a hole in his pocket.



# RELIEF FORCES UNABLE TO MAKE ANY ADVANCE

**General Aymers Has Failed To Carry Relief to Beleaguered British in Mesopotamia—Austrians Are Advancing Along Albanian Coast—Only Grenade and Artillery Fighting on Western Front.**

[By Associated Press.] London, Feb. 5.—General Aymers relief force, sent to General Townsends beleaguered forces in Mesopotamia, failed to make further progress, while Constantinople claims the British were compelled to fall back to their former positions.

In Albania the Bulgarians are reported to have fallen back to the Drin River, while the advance of the Austrians down the Albanian coast continues, the latest advices indicating they are twenty miles northeast of Durazzo.

Two thousand retreating Montenegrins have arrived at Durazzo.

The failure of a hand grenade attack by the French south of Somme, and the repulse of a British attempt to advance south of Labasse were announced by German headquarters.

The continuation of heavy artillery fire by the French in Champagne is reported.

No Developments on Lusitania.

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Feb. 5.—There are no new

developments here today in the Lusitania case. News is awaited from Washington regarding the recent proposals.

**Arrested for Canada Fire.**

[By Associated Press.] Windsor, Ontario, Feb. 5.—Photographs of the Ottawa parliament building were found on Charles Strong, arrested last night on suspicion of being connected with the burning of the building, according to the police. Strong says he is a Belgian violinist.

Strong was later released by the Dominion's orders.

**Wilson and Lansing to Confer.**

[By Associated Press.] Washington, Feb. 5.—Secretary of State Lansing will confer with President Wilson Monday over the new tentative form of settlement of the Lusitania case, submitted yesterday by Ambassador Bernstorff. The situation is still unchanged. Administration officials are reticent concerning the newest proposal.

ordinary upland cotton.

"Its large yielding quality leads some farmers to believe they can make more money per acre by growing it in preference to the Lone Star, the Mebane, the Rowden and other standard varieties. The grower finds difficulty, however, in disposing of it, and must accept such a reduced price that it more than offsets any difference in the yield. Growers some times try to escape the difficulty by planting a row of standard cotton and a row of 'half and half' alternately, the purpose being to market a large yield at the price of the ordinary staple. If they knew that the buyer always takes the mixture at the 'half and half' price, they would not follow such a practice.

"The Texas farmers should stop planting 'half and half' cotton. By growing it they are injuring the cotton production and cotton business of the state, injuring themselves most of all. Larger yields of standard varieties of cotton, and certainly much more profitable yields, may be grown by the use of good seed and right cultural methods."

## SIX DEAD IN OIL PLANT EXPLOSION

**Thousands of Gallons of Benzine Are Threatened in Blaze Which Is Sweeping Immense Plant.**

[By Associated Press.]

Toledo, Ohio, Feb. 4.—Six men are missing and are believed to have been killed in a terrific explosion at the Craig Oil Company's plant late Thursday afternoon.

At 6 o'clock last night officials of the Craig Oil Company said they feared the plant was doomed. Four separate explosions have occurred and several tanks containing thousands of gallons of benzine are threatened. One fireman was seriously injured by flying debris. The cause of the explosion has not been determined.

**BRYAN TO JOIN PEACE PARTY.**

**Accepted Membership on Permanent Committee—Ford to Go Back.**

[By Associated Press.] Berlin, Feb. 5.—Louis Lochner, secretary of the Ford peace expedition, Friday night received a cablegram from William J. Bryan accepting membership on the permanent peace committee. Henry Ford also cabled he would soon return to Europe.

## THE HOUSE GETS PHILIPPINE BILL

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 5.—The Philippine independence bill went to the house today after passing the senate last night.

## COLQUITT FAVORS BUILDING UP NAVY

**As to Land Forces, Former Governor Would Increase State Militia and Give to It Proper Support.**

Former Governor O. B. Colquitt, when seen at the Rice hotel Friday afternoon and asked about his views of President Wilson's recent speeches on preparedness, replied as follows:

"I have all the time been a strong advocate of building up our navy until it will be equal to and able to cope with that of any other nation in the world. In my platform announcing for the senate I make this declaration:

"I am not in favor of a big army, but we do need a strong navy to cope with others on the high seas and to protect our seacoast from the invasion of a hostile army. I do not believe we should encourage militarism or have a standing army of from 400,000 to 500,000 men. However, I am in favor of increasing the efficiency of the state militia in each of the states, and giving them proper recognition and support.

"This has been my consistent attitude for years.

"I am not in favor of the propaganda of military preparedness except in the building of our navy and amply protecting our seacoast cities.

**Linked Courage With Independence.**

"I am in favor of a campaign of preparedness which will instill into the minds of our school children and people generally that a spirit of courage should accompany the spirit of independence.

"I think that we ought to have disciplined Mexico for trampling upon the rights of our people sojourning in that republic, for the damages that have been done and the outrages upon women. It would not have required a large army to accomplish this need. Disciplinary measures will have to be resorted to yet."—Houston Post.

## TERRIBLE CRIME AT MINGUS, TEXAS

**Two Women Murdered and Girl Wounded—All Beaten With an Iron Bar.**

[By Associated Press.]

Mingus, Palo Pinto County, Tex., Feb. 5.—The dead bodies of Mrs. G. W. St. Clair, wife of a railroad man, aged 35; Mrs. Will Wilkins, a visitor in the St. Clair home, aged 65, and the unconscious form of Katy, a 3-year-old daughter, were found in the home here early this morning by the husband, who was returning from work. Mystery surrounds the double murder. All were knocked in the head. An iron spike bar was found in the yard and later identified by St. Clair. St. Clair notified the authorities and later the county judge and county attorney came from Palo Pinto. No arrests have yet been, but are expected. Physicians say the girl can not live.

## HEARING ON BRANDIES APPOINTMENT

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 5.—Public hearing on the nomination of Louis D. Brandies of Boston to the supreme bench will be held, beginning next Wednesday by the senate judicial subcommittee.

## THE MOHR CASE GOES TO JURY

[By Associated Press.]

Providence, R. I., Feb. 5.—The case against Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr and two negroes, charged with the murder of Dr. Franklin Mohr, the woman's husband, was given to the jury this morning. No report had been made at 3 o'clock.

**F. B. PADDOCK AT MARLIN.**

F. B. Paddock, state entomologist and entomologist to the experiment station at the A. and M. College, is in Marlin assisting in the organization of the beekeepers of Falls County. There are approximately seventy-five beekeepers in that county. Mr. Paddock will lay stress on the eradication of foul brood in that county and will take up with the Falls County bee men the matter of appointing a foul brood inspector for that county.

## PRESIDENT PLANS ANOTHER TRIP

**May Visit Southern and Western Cities on Speaking Tour for Preparedness.**

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 5.—President Wilson is considering another preparedness speaking trip, this time to the South and possibly the far Western cities. Telegrams and letter invitations are flooding the White House. The possibilities of the Lusitania situation, it is said, offer the only obstacle. It is not probable he will leave before Feb. 10.

## SECURED JUDGMENT AGAINST MORGAN

**Gets \$20,000 for Damages Received Night Was Shot by Assassin.**

[By Associated Press.]

Mineola, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Michael Killilea, a dairyman on J. P. Morgan's estate, wins \$20,000 damage verdict from Morgan for injuries suffered on the night when Morgan was shot by Frank Holt. A rope was placed across a bridge to keep intruders out, but Killilea did not see it and ran into it with his bicycle and sustained injuries which his physicians said would result in total blindness. He sued for \$50,000.

**A. AND M. CORNELL CLUB.**

A. and M. College has a Cornell University club, composed of graduates and former students of that institution. The club was organized this week with the election of Dr. J. O. Morgan as president. S. G. Rubinow was made vice president and T. J. Conway secretary-treasurer.

An executive board composed of Dr. C. C. Hedges, chairman; Dean E. J. Kyle, F. W. Bell, Dr. E. P. Humbert and F. W. Bell, also was named.

Other members are H. Ness, H. E. Smith, F. W. Hensel, N. M. McGinnis, F. P. Hopkins, R. N. Harvey and O. E. Parmlee.

The traditions of Cornell will be preserved by this club.

**YOUNG MEN'S CLUB.**

**Young Men and Boy Scouts Organize Jointly for Athletic Purposes.**

Quite a number of the young men of Bryan met with Professor George Simpson, scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts, at the Old Moose hall last night and organized an athletic club in connection with the Boy Scouts, who recently purchased the equipment of the old Bryan Athletic Club. The committee appointed to solicit members reported that they had succeeded in getting fifty-two young men on the membership roll and others have signified their willingness to join the organization.

H. S. Locke, who was elected temporary chairman of the meeting, reported that Mr. Eugene Edge had offered to lease the second story of the Edge building, formerly occupied by the Moose Club, to the club for \$25 per month. A motion was made and carried that the building be leased for one year.

Plans for conducting the club were discussed and it was decided that the Boy Scouts be allowed to use the club at stated times and without interruption from the other members of the organization and at other times the club will be open to all the members.

A motion was made and carried that the club be given the name "The Young Men's Club."

Officers were elected for the ensuing year as follows:

H. S. Locke, president; Professor George Simpson, vice president; Ed Martin, secretary; J. S. Caldwell, treasurer; O. L. Strickland, athletic director.

Committee to take care of building—O. L. Strickland, C. A. Seale and Professor George Simpson.

The meeting was then adjourned.

**DIED AT SCHOOL.**

Carlton Davidson of Harvey Died at Valparaiso, Ind.

Relatives and friends at Harvey have been apprised by wire of the death of Carlton Davidson, a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson of Harvey, who recently moved to this county from Wharton. His death occurred at Valparaiso, Ind., where he was attending school, on Thursday night.

The remains are expected to arrive in Bryan some time tomorrow, but the Eagle was unable to learn the particulars of his death or the funeral arrangements.

Dr. Davidson, father of the deceased, left Bryan for Valparaiso shortly before his son's death and will accompany the remains to Bryan.

## CHAMPION GIRL CANNER OF TEXAS

**Miss Bernice Carter Announces 25 Girls Making the Highest Record in the Whole State.**

[By Associated Press.]

Denton, Tex., Feb. 2.—Miss Annie Wolf of Mineral is the winner from among the canning club girls of Texas of the scholarship to the College of Industrial Arts, announces Miss Bernice Carter, state agent for canning club and home demonstration work. The work of the twenty-five girls making the highest records throughout the state was judged at the conclusion of the three weeks' course for the canning club and home demonstration agents which has just been held by the College of Industrial Arts.

The scholarship won by Miss Wolf is that offered by Miss M. Eleanor Brackenridge of San Antonio, a member of the board of regents of the College of Industrial Arts. It is worth \$300 each year until graduation. Miss Brackenridge is the donor of several scholarships, all of which have been eagerly sought by hundreds of young women anxious to attend this particular college. Miss Wolf will probably enter the freshman class.

Another scholarship granted at this time which is worth \$150 each year was awarded Miss Willie Haworth of Weatherford, who will enter Baylor College at Belton. Miss Haworth ranked first in the canning club work, but was not sufficiently advanced to enter the College of Industrial Arts. All star gold pins are being sent to the twenty-five girls from the various sections of the state who have made the highest records. They are Misses Gladys Story, Alice; Henrietta Bicault, Grapevine; Annie Wolf, Mineral; Lila Price, Poteet; Willie Haworth, Weatherford; Esther Amos, Alfred; Ima Cook, Bryan; Vida Baugh, Weatherford; Lois Robertson, Duster; Maud Childers, Comanche; Beryl Shipp, Temple; Allen Sharp, Jefferson; Maude Stubblefield, Belton; Ora Powell, Mount Pleasant; Flossie Bender, Jefferson; Lois Box, Stephenville; Bobbie English, Stephenville; Jewel Livingston, Stephenville; Gladys McKee, Temple; Viva Willson, Mount Pleasant; Winnie Mae Needham, Coleman; Cecelia Tomkins, Denton; Gertrude Smith, New Baden; Laura Cox, Alfred; Bernice Lee Greene, Weatherford.

## PRESIDENT WILSON JOINED IN PARADE

**He and Mrs. Wilson Rode in Parade in Auto—Guests of Governor Capper of Kansas.**

[By Associated Press.]

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 2.—For the first time on the present tour, President Wilson participated in a long parade today, riding in an auto with Mrs. Wilson through the streets for forty-five minutes. The Wilsons were guests of Governor Capper.

**BRYAN GIRLS WIN.**

The Bryan High School girls' basketball team has returned from Calvert, where they succeeded in bringing away the long end of the score in a game with the Calvert High School girls yesterday afternoon, the game ending in Bryans favor by a score of 8 to 6. The game is reported to have been fast and interesting from the start, but the Bryan girls were too much for their opponents.

**COUNTY COURT ADJOURNED.**

The regular January term of the Brazos County court was adjourned today by County Judge J. T. Maloney sine die. Very little was done during this term of the court, as by some mistake the juries for the court were not selected and no cases could be tried. Some pleas of guilty were entered and a few cases on the civil docket were settled without a jury.

**TO INSPECT LEVEE.**

J. C. Nagle of Austin, consulting engineer on the Burleson County levee along the Brazos River, arrived in Bryan yesterday and will make an inspection of the work on the levee, which is nearing completion. The Eagle is informed that only one mile of the levee remains to be built, and the contractor expects to complete this in a short time.

**I. & G. N. FREIGHT WRECK.**

A small freight wreck occurred on the I. & G. N. south of Bryan at Royder yesterday afternoon. Four cars went into the ditch and were pretty badly smashed and jammed. There was some damage to the merchandise cargoes, but no one was injured.

## PHILLIPES TO BE SELF GOVERNED

**Marshall Broke Tie on Senate Measure Giving Philippines Independence in Four Years.**

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 3.—A definite policy contemplating Philippine independence within four years was approved by the senate Wednesday. Vice President Marshall casting the deciding vote in favor of the Clarke amendment to the Philippine bill directing the president to withdraw American sovereignty within a four-year period. The vote, which followed weeks of debate, was 41 to 41. An effort to recommit the bill was defeated, and final senate action on the measure, which has not yet passed the house was deferred until tomorrow.

Administration senators in supporting the Clarke amendment, maintained that some such definite provision was necessary to square with the independence declaration in the Baltimore platform. President Wilson had made no public comment on the proposed amendment, but senators who had discussed it with him let it be known he was not opposed to it. Chairman Hitchcock of the Philippine committee opposed the amendment, and was supported by eleven Democrats. Five Republicans, Borah, Clapp, Kenyon, LaFollette and Works, voted for the amendment. Besides Senator Hitchcock, Democrats who opposed it were Beckham, Lee of Tennessee, Lewis, Myers, O'Gorman, Phelan, Pomerene, Ransdell, Reed, Saulsbury and Walsh.

**Conditions of Amendment.**

By the terms of the amendment as perfected, provision is made for extension of time for granting independence if the president should deem it advisable, until congress shall have had an opportunity further to consider the subject.

By the terms of the Clarke amendment, the president would be authorized to surrender all rights to the Philippines and recognize an independent government instituted by the people in not less than two or more than four years after approval of the pending measure.

Provision is made, however, that the president may extend time for withdrawing from the islands if conditions of internal or external affairs with regard to stability of the proposed government should warrant such action.

**Maintaining Stations Left Optional.**

Provision making it optional for the United States to retain sites for coaling stations and a naval base in the event of independence was included. Efforts to recommit the bill failed by a vote of 50 to 29.

By a vote of 49 to 31 an amendment by Senator Kenyon of Iowa was adopted to strike from the Clarke amendment all plans for guaranteeing the sovereignty of the islands either by the United States alone or by international agreements.

By a vote of 58 to 24 the senate rejected an amendment by Senator Hitchcock to grant independence to the islands within six years, subject to exchange of treaty ratifications between the United States and the proposed Philippine republic.

**NEEDS BETTER EQUIPMENT.**

J. P. Wooters of Dallas, traveling agent for the Western Union Telegraph Company was in the city on business today. Mr. Wooters states that the equipment of the company in Bryan is not as good as should be provided for a town this size, and he expects to use his influence in the future in securing better service and a better office. He stated that Bryan is one of the best towns he has visited in Texas, and praised the numerous improvements and accommodations afforded by the hotel.

**FIGHTING HOG CHOLERA.**

Farm Demonstration Agent A. W. Buchanan is making a trip in the south end of the county, where he has been summoned to vaccinate the hogs on several of the farms, where hog cholera is in evidence. This makes several trips of this nature he has made of late and quite a large number of hogs have been vaccinated in the county.

**CRIME DECREASING.**

Justice of the Peace L. D. McGee states that peace reigns in Bryan, according to the amount of complaints filed in his court within the past few weeks, there not being one complaint made in the justice court for several days. This is either a sign that the lawbreakers are getting better or is a tribute to the vigilance of the peace officers.



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THE DIVERSIFICATION SITUATION  
IN A NUT-SHELL.

With characteristic forcefulness and terseness, Hon. Bradford Knapp, head of the United States farm demonstration work, in an address to bankers, business men and farmers of the South, covers the diversification situation as follows:

"With the price of cotton going up, are you, Mr. Banker, Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, going back to the old way? The history of the agriculture of the South has been a history of lean and fat years. The farmer has lived in distress because short crops and high prices are almost invariably followed by big crops and low prices. If we would produce our own living it would steady the whole system and keep the boat from rocking. The entire agriculture of the cotton belt has been a gamble. It has not produced a rich and prosperous farming people because of its uncertainty, although cotton is one of the greatest cash crops.

"With the rise in the price of cotton, are you going to play safe or are you going to take a chance? Now is the time to decide. If you gamble on the price of cotton you take a chance! If you follow the program outlined by all the agricultural forces last fall, you will take no chance. Here is the program in a nutshell, the title of which is Safe Farming:

"1. Produce a home garden for every family on the farm—produce Irish or sweet potatoes and wherever possible, have a patch of sorghum or cane to produce syrup for the family.

"2. Produce the corn necessary to support all the people on the farm and the livestock.

"3. Produce the necessary oats and small grain to supplement the corn as feed. Pay attention to winter grazing of animals.

"4. Produce hay and forage. Use legumes.

"5. Produce the meat necessary to supply the people, through increased attention to hogs and poultry especially.

"6. After all these things have been amply provided for in the crop system, produce cotton for the market.

"If this course is pursued the farmer will prosper whether cotton is 15c or 6c. If cotton is 6c the farmer will be able to live! If it is 15c there will be more profit in his cotton crop in the longrun than there would be if he neglected the living.

"Mr. Business Man and Mr. Farmer, do you want the South to prosper permanently? If so, lend your influence to this great problem of safe farming. A campaign will be carried on in the various states during the winter and spring centering around the various lines of this program. Lend your aid and assistance to us in this campaign as you did last year. Not 'Safety First,' but 'Safe Farming Always!'"

Added to the advantages enumerated by Mr. Knapp in favor of less cotton and more of other things, it has been observed that a small cotton crop usually brings more money to the grower than a large crop; in other words, the more cotton he grows the less money he receives for it.

## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

John Jones didn't make enough selling ham and eggs at 25c a plate to send his son through Harvard.

So he put a crest on his bill of fare, labeled his H. & E. "sugar-cured ham and selected eggs," tacked 75c more on the price and married his daughter to a French baron.

Piggott & Shank's lots on Elm street weren't selling.

So they changed their addition's name to Sierra Vista, called Elm street "Rhododendron terrace," raised the prices 30 per cent and bought winter homes in Florida.

Fatty Grimes was a bum horse doctor.

So he moved out by the country club, called himself "attendant to equine elegance," soaked his neighbors all the traffic would bear, and collected antiques.

Billie Bedee couldn't take in all the trots on the salary he got at the glove counter.

So he hid for a year, changed his name to Guillaume Le Bedee, opened the Elite dancing academy and lived happily forever after.—Dallas Dispatch.

If the war has not been brought to American shores we would like to know why. The numerous fires and explosions in American munitions plants have caused a deep seated suspicion to take hold upon the people, and now that the Canadian house of parliament is in ashes, that suspicion is confirmed.

## COLD FACTS FOR FARMERS.

Colonel Bob Milner of Henderson is a man of the plain people, he is one of them, he is a farmer, and every pulse beat of his great heart, every fiber of his being is alive and thrilled with the interests of those who till the soil. Here are his views on the cotton situation and they are worthy the serious consideration of all:

"The crop for 1915 as given by the ginners' reports and the census bureau will amount to 11,160,000 bales. At the beginning of the market season, Aug. 1, 1915, we had a visible supply of the previous crop of 3,080,881 bales, and on farms 1,800,000 bales, or 4,899,881 bales of the 1914 crop. To this amount if we add 11,160,000 bales produced in 1915 and linters amounting to 800,000 bales we have a total commercial supply of 16,859,881 bales. From this supply we have sold up to Dec. 18, 1915, a total of 4,766,112 bales, leaving on hand at that date 12,093,769 bales.

Great Britain will stimulate the production of cotton in Egypt and India for this year, thus increasing the yield in those countries at least 2,000,000 bales if conditions are favorable.

Asiatic Russia now grows a million bales, and the acreage will be increased there.

Asiatic Turkey is coming to the front as a cotton country, and this year the probabilities are that country will produce an amount sufficiently large to put the South on notice that she has another competitor in the production of cotton.

The acreage for 1915 would easily have produced 2,000,000 bales more than were produced had it not been for the terrible storm that passed over a large area of the cotton states and the infestation of the boll weevil. Two million bales added to this crop would have reduced the price at least \$10 per bale.

If the acreage this year is increased over last year and conditions should remain normal, the South will pay the penalty in low prices for cotton and high prices for feed stuff.

In view of all the facts now staring every farmer, merchant and banker in the face, it does seem that a large acreage in cotton for 1916 would be averted. Taking all the facts into careful consideration the best interests of the South would be subserved by reducing the acreage of last year."

WHAT THE GRAND JURY DID  
NOT DO.

The grand jury has been in session in Rusk County, and its investigations covered a large range of crimes and misdemeanors. But there are some things it did not do. It did not find any bills against persons for keeping sober, for attending to their own business, for going to church, for paying their debts, for obeying the Golden Rule, for standing up for right, for living correct lives, for keeping the Ten Commandments, for regarding the rights of others, for being at all times and under all circumstances law abiding citizens, for kind treatment of their wives and children, and for ten thousand other good things which ought to employ the thoughts, acts and time of all civilized people.—Colonel Milner in Rusk County News.

## A TRUE EVANGELIST.

Houston has a pastor who is not only a true evangelist in saving the souls of men, but an evangelist in saving them in temporal affairs. As a diversificationist he is among the most practical in the state, and the following from the Houston Post as to his work is indeed interesting:

"Dr. H. K. Pendleton, pastor of the Central Christian Church of Houston, is both a progressive church man and a progressive farmer. He is a great believer in the possibilities of agricultural development in South Texas through the diversification of crops. On his farm of 160 acres a few miles southwest of Houston, which he has had scientifically drained, he grows corn, cane, peanuts, sweet potatoes and several other crops, including enough hay for all the stock on the place, which includes 100 head of hogs and ten head of high grade Jersey cows. He is a strong advocate of better stock for South Texas farms and has recently brought in some blooded stock. As an experiment he recently raised two kinds of hogs, one a well known and popular quality breed, and the other just common hogs. With the same feed and advantages given to each, at the end of a certain period the smallest of the blooded hogs was just twice as large as the largest of the common hogs. Dr. Pendleton is a son of the late Dr. W. K. Pendleton, who with Alexander Campbell, founded the Christian Church, and he is a brother-in-law of the late Justice Lamar of the United States supreme court."

Editor Robinson of the Waco Times-Herald has worried himself sick, and no doubt many of his readers, about whether Joe Bailey is a citizen of Texas.

Villa has capitulated. It is reported he is a bridegroom.

A French cruiser is reported off the Virginia coast. She is evidently laying for the Appam.

It is announced from Washington that the president will leave on his Southern tour in the interest of preparedness about Feb. 10, provided the foreign situation is such that he can leave. Texas will be in his itinerary.

We could build those gunboats and submarines, manufacture scads and scads of ammunition and pay a dinged-busted sight more soldiers and sailors if we cut out several million needless officials and commissioners.

The congressmen from Texas have not been paying much attention to preparedness, but it is now said they have their ears closer to the ground and are beginning to sit up and take notice.

Morris Sheppard tried to browbeat Governor Ferguson on the Texas border situation, but he's swinging onto Wilson's coat tails in his preparedness program.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says Cyclone Davis' district in Texas should subscribe to a clipping bureau. Does the G.D. have any reference to Cyclone's whiskers.

Our old friend George Tucker and his son, J. Albert Tucker, are now sole owners of the Gilmer Mirror, young Tucker having recently acquired the interest of Mr. J. W. Palmer. The Tuckers, father and son, have the very best wishes of the Eagle for continued success.

Recognize that old hat in the senatorial ring? That belongs to Culbertson—"and don't you forget it!"—Dallas Democrat.

It has been in the ring so often and so long the people are perfectly familiar with it, and thousands love it, too, "and don't you forget it."

Dr. Johnson says the first years of man must make provision for the last. And that does not mean entirely the laying up of stores to sustain us during our declining years. It means also a life so lived that its contemplation will soothe and sustain us during the long, quiet hours toward the sunset.

There is a kind of mutual admiration between Mr. Rockefeller and Billy Sunday. Mr. Rockefeller says there is something about Billy he admires, and there is not the slightest doubt but there is a big wad of it about Mr. Rockefeller upon which Billy fairly dotes.

We asked a friend last Saturday how the roads were in his community. He quickly said: "We haven't got any. I live seven miles from town and it took me four hours to drive it in a wagon with as good a pair of horses as any man's got, besides it threw my boy off the seat and stripped me of my slicker.—Madisonville Meteor.

We thought ours were bad enough, but old Madison has got us bested.

The East Texas Register in discussing the change in position by President Wilson on the tariff board proposition says, "if there is any important question upon which he has not changed his mind since he entered public life, we would like to be informed what it is." It takes a smart man to change his mind. The fool clings to his old opinions because he will not permit himself to be guided by reason which is blind to new discoveries and new developments.

It is reported that Mr. Bryan is grooming Champ Clark as a candidate for president. Bryan did this four years ago, and when he could not put him over at the Baltimore convention he threw Mr. Clark down.—Yokum Herald.

He threw Mr. Clark down in the moment of his (Clark's) triumph in the hope of securing the nomination himself, but was never able to stampede the Woodrow Wilson forces.

## ROBERT BURNS.

Tuesday, Jan. 25, was the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, which moved the editor of the Galesburg Republican-Register to say:

All over the country where there is a company of true Scots there is being celebrated today the birthday of Robert Burns, the poet. In some cities the celebration will have elaborate features. Who was king of England when Burns was writing his lines? Well, what is the difference, it is not the birthday of the king that we are considering. Suffice it to say that the king on the throne is not thus recalled with love and affection. The king is forgotten, but Burns lives.

There were many Scots of fame and distinction in that day, men of deep scholarship, men of great wisdom in state affairs, but who hears of their birthdays? Who has cared to per-

petuate their memories in this pleasant way?

Strange, is it not? What did Burns do—simply sang, furnished a nation with its airs, its melodies, its love poems, its religious satires, all tinged with the feeling of the native soil, a man of simplicity, of elemental passions, who made his great mistakes in life full of emotion and tenderness and of human sympathy, a hater of cant and hypocrisy, who saw the man in his fellows no matter how low the degree, the friend of the life in the fields, a real delineator of Scottish nature, holding up the picture of the original.

This is why Burns is remembered and the king is forgotten. This is why his anniversary is recalled.

Burns sang for more than Scotland. He sang for the race. But especially to Scots is there the appealing note in his poems.

It is not merely that they are poems, but that they are poems of sentiments. The soul is in them.

Milton was a great poet, whose imagery has probably not been equalled. Gray, the writer of the Elegy composed a production that is regarded as perhaps the most finished poem in the English language. Shakespeare's plays are a priceless contribution to human expression. But it is questionable whether any one of these poets is held in that veneration in which the Scot holds Burns.

In reading Burns, they are back home again among their people, they see the familiar landscapes, they recognize once more the Scotch character, once more they look into the cottage that he made historic, the strange legends and stories of their native land once more they hear. It is to the genuine Scots like a visit back home.

And back there in the Burns cottage they have all the little keepsakes that maintain the preciousness of his memory!

## AS TO COTTON "HEDGING."

(By Clarence Ousley.)

After a painstaking study of the subject, I am persuaded that a depressing factor in the price of cotton during the present selling season is the difficulty which American exporters have in "hedging" their sales in foreign markets, especially in Liverpool. Inasmuch as the cotton futures act is about to be re-enacted under the decision of a federal district court, holding the present law to be unconstitutional, I think it well for cotton producers to consider this subject. I happen to know that members of the agricultural committees of the house and senate who have the responsibility of this legislation are favorably entertaining the idea of amending section 11 of the old act to the extent of permitting foreign "hedgers" on legitimate transactions, and I believe it would be well for our people to communicate their views to their members of congress.

We have not received the economic value of our cotton this season because of the European war in the main, though we have marketed the crop to good advantage on the whole. We still have the greater part of it to sell and it behooves us to study closely all the factors that may be influencing prices now and that may influence prices hereafter.

I believe I am safe in saying, from the information I have been able to gather, that at this moment the English spinners are using more cotton than they used at this time last year. The prospect is that the carry-over from the crop of 1915 will be very small and if the market is not seriously influenced by the anticipation of a largely increased acreage in 1916, we should be receiving for the cotton we have now to sell, prices as high as the highest of the season. Instead cotton is now considerably lower than the highest of the season. And while the present decline is no doubt due in large degree to the anticipation of an increased acreage, I am persuaded that it is due in some degree to the inability of American exporters to "hedge" their sales abroad. Meanwhile much of the exporting is done by foreign merchants who can "hedge" in foreign markets. The prohibitions of the cotton futures act operates to hinder if not entirely to restrain American exporters, and to that extent they give the foreign merchants a dominating influence in the market. These foreign merchants are influenced, as are our merchants, by their environments, not to speak of their possible interest in the cotton spinning industry. For several weeks past foreign merchants have been selling futures in the American market and buying futures in the Liverpool market, and I am reliably informed that they have made millions of dollars by this process of "straddling." Under the terms of the Smith-Lever law, as it now stands, such "hedging" and "straddling" may not be practiced by American dealers.

I am far from meaning to encourage cotton speculation, which is always a dangerous game, and which sometimes operates as a depressing influence in the cotton market, but much

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of so-called cotton speculation is merely insurance against unexpected declines, or advances, in the market and tends to stabilize and equalize the economic value of cotton. Surely we all remember the condition in the fall of 1914, when the cotton varied in price to the extent of 1c a pound on the same day in primary markets twenty miles apart because there was no medium of trading and of adjusting the cross currents of cotton commerce.

All these facts and circumstances considered, it is my opinion that in the re-enactment of the cotton futures act, we should permit "hedging" and "straddling" in foreign markets just as we permit those transactions in domestic markets. I cannot see that any harm would follow and I believe that on account of the restraint during the present season, there has been considerable injury to the producers and owners of American cotton. The law can be easily amended without the sacrifice of its valuable safeguard against dishonest trading and reckless speculation.

The cotton futures act has corrected many abuses in cotton trading and on the whole it has been very helpful to the industry from the standpoint of the producer, without being hurtful in the slightest degree to the spinning industry, but in so far as it attempts the impossible, it serves merely to hinder the American merchant, who is a better friend to the producer than the foreign merchant, and in common justice as well as in the interest of the producer, I think the American exporter should be as free to deal in foreign markets as foreign merchants are to deal in our markets.

More than we need restrain of speculation, we need means of information. We ought at this moment to have official reports of just what the English spinners are doing with our cotton. If my information is correct and if we could have it authoritatively proclaimed, we would find that the rate of consumption warrants a higher price than we are receiving, but in the absence of official information we are more or less at the mercy of the foreign traders who are in a position to know just what the foreign mills are doing and who are privileged to take advantage of the disparity between the Liverpool market and our markets.

I am sure that our members of congress, who are charged with the particular responsibility of refashioning this important legislation, are giving their best thought to the subject. I am not seeking duly to influence their judgment for I have great confidence in their intelligence and patriotism. I am only calling the matter to the attention of our home people in the hope that they will study the matter and present such facts as they may

have and such views as they may entertain as the result of investigation and deliberation.

Of course we are all interested in the question of preparedness either on one side or the other but the preparedness that should most vitally interest us all is one that lies nearest our doors—preparedness for sowing, reaping and marketing. This is a great country and has unlimited possibilities if we balance our crops according to the demand for each product, and not produce a surplus of any one crop. It is the surplus that lowers prices. The thing to do is to produce those things needed, the amount needed, and prices will always be good.

WANTED—The address of the out of town concern that has ever contributed to a case of local charity, to any local enterprise, or whose name appears on the tax rolls of the city or county. It is not to be had. It is the home merchant that does all this and for that reason the home merchant is entitled to the patronage of the home people.

Bankers say money is beginning to be easier and the effect is already apparent. Easier money is a sure indication of returning prosperity.

A good crop this year with fair prices will place us back on the high road of prosperity.

## RED SPRINGS CREDIT PLAN.

East Texas Farmers Get Cheap Money and Freedom From Credit System.

According to an announcement made today by the extension department of the A. and M. College, the Red Springs Farmers' Club of Smith County has executed a contract with the Peoples Guaranty State Bank of Tyler, whereby members of the club obtain loans for crop making purposes at 8 per cent per annum interest.

The contract between the club and the bank is in writing and provides a guaranty fund which justifies the bank in making loans at this rate. All applications for loans are first passed upon by a committee of the club and a prime requirement is that the borrower must raise enough food and feed for his family and live stock.

The club has also approved a plan whereby, at the end of the year, the club will incorporate as a credit union, using the guaranty fund as its initial capital, and it is confidently believed that within two or three years the club will be able to finance its members without outside help.

Copies of the contract between the club and the bank and other information concerning this unique experiment in rural co-operation may be had by writing to the director of the extension department, A. and M. College, College Station, Tex.

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## LOCALS

## WEDNESDAY

J. A. D. Robinson was in town from Wixon today.

Dr. W. F. Odom was in town from Kurten today.

Claude Moore was in town on business from Edge today.

Mrs. Pearl Martindale of Edge was shopping in the city today.

J. W. Mathis of Steep Hollow was in the city this afternoon.

Mrs. E. G. Weigand has returned from a visit to relatives in Houston.

C. C. McRae of Grant was among the guests registered at Hotel Bryan today.

W. W. Harris Jr. and nephew, Leslie Ballard, went to Houston on a brief visit yesterday.

Eugene Edge left this afternoon for New York and Chicago to purchase spring and summer goods.

Mrs. Jno. S. Edge of Overton arrived yesterday for a visit to her sons, Eugene, Victor and Claude Edge.

Mrs. A. L. Haynes returned to her home in Austin today, after a visit to her mother, Mrs. B. F. Leman.

Mrs. C. C. Seale returned to her home in Benchley today, after a pleasant visit to Mrs. W. Payne of Kurten.

Mrs. Hardy Newton went to Waco today for a visit to her son, Arnold Leverton, who is attending Baylor University.

E. G. Goforth, trainmaster on the International & Great Northern Railroad, was in the city on business today.

George W. Robinson of Galveston arrived last night for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Robinson of Wixon.

Dr. J. C. Davidson of Harvey left today for Valparaiso, Ind., where he was called on account of the serious illness of his son, Carlton, who is attending school in that city.

Mrs. G. C. Street Jr. and son Calder, who have been visiting Mrs. Street's mother, Mrs. G. W. Smith in this city, departed today for Hamilton, Ont. She will join Mr. Street there and that it will be their home in future. The best wishes of their host of friends go with them.

## THURSDAY

Joe Kopecky of Rye was in town today.

W. J. Lang was in town today from Kurten.

E. M. Freeman of Cottonwood was in town today.

J. S. Jenkins of Mumford was a visitor to Bryan today.

J. R. Smith of Reliance was in town today from Reliance.

J. D. Goen and Clyde Goen of Harvey were in the city today.

W. J. Lang of Kurten was in town transacting business today.

Miss Kate Skains of Franklin is a guest of Mrs. Claude Walker.

S. H. Seale was in the city today from his home near Benchley.

Dr. F. R. Collard was in the city on business from Mumford last night.

A. P. L. Barron of Wellborn was looking after business matters here today.

A. C. W. Payne of Waco was among the guests registered at Hotel Bryan today.

Mrs. P. G. Horn has returned to her home in Mart, after visiting her mother, Mrs. T. E. Tuck.

Mrs. O. H. Astin has returned from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. A. D. Perkins of McKinney.

At the many friends of Mrs. H. R. Ouse, will regret to learn that she is confined to her bed with an attack of la grippe.

H. Walker, A. A. Dean W. D. Billings and others were among the visitors to the city from Tabor today.

John Jones of Providence visited the city today.

John D. Jones was in the city today from Harvey.

Mr. H. Haltom was in town from Benchley today.

Your faucet bursts let Munday & Son fix it.

S. Williams of Cross was trading in the city today.

A. Beal of Prospect was a visitor in the city today.

Human Carroll was in town today from Rock Prairie.

John Close of Edge was among the visitors to the city today.

John Williams of Wellborn was among the visitors in the city today.

Professor A. E. Moers of Allen County was called to Marlin today on account of the illness of his wife.

D. Eastham of Weldon, who has been here for a few days with his wife, left yesterday for a visit to relatives in New Orleans, after stopping

here for a brief visit to their nephew Arthur Watts, who is a student of Allen Academy.

## FRIDAY

Z. T. Dowling of Wellborn was in town today.

A. B. Huggins of Kurten was in town today.

O. L. Andrews was in the city today from Harvey.

Goree Neeley was in town today from Wellborn.

Jim Tobias was a visitor to the city from Reliance today.

R. L. Spiller was in town today from his home at Union Hill.

George Williams of Coleview was a visitor to the city today.

Mrs. J. H. Carnes and children are visiting relatives in Alma.

Mrs. J. C. Welch has returned from a visit to relatives in Elgin.

Colonel Clarence Ousley has returned from a business trip to Houston.

Morgan Closs of Cottonwood was among the visitors in the city today.

W. E. Graham and A. B. McSwain visited the city today from Rock Prairie.

Mrs. Welty McCullough has returned from a visit to her parents in Groesbeck.

F. D. Perkins of McKinney was among the guests registered at Hotel Bryan today.

W. H. Peyton and L. M. Haltom were among the visitors to the city from Benchley today.

Mrs. S. P. Martin arrived today from Houston for a visit to her father, A. A. Dean of Tabor.

Mrs. Belle Ransom went to Houston yesterday for a visit to her son Archie Graham and family.

W. H. Benbow and John McCallum were among the visitors to the city from Cottonwood today.

Miss Kate Skains has returned to her home in Franklin, after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Walker.

Miss Boma Currens returned to her home in Dallas today, after an extended visit to her aunt, Mrs. D. C. Vick.

J. S. Whitten, J. F. and Roland Crenshaw and R. E. Batton of Cottonwood were in town on business today.

Sidney Ellis has shipped his household goods to Bryan from Humble and will make his home in this city in future.

Mrs. J. C. Hill returned to her home in Waco today, after visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. D. Robinson of Wixon.

R. T. Williams has shipped his household goods to Rockdale and will go there to make his home in that city in future.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Horger have returned to their home in Chickasha, Ok., after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Young.

Mrs. O. H. McGee and children returned yesterday from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Haltom of Benchley.

V. Seay, Charlie Paschal, Orrie Coward, Rural Coward and Louis Seay were here trading today from North Zulch.

Rev. Gayner Banks returned to Eagle Lake yesterday, after a pleasant visit to Rev. Randolph Ray, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church.

Rev. G. T. Storey has returned to his home in Houston, after visiting his son, Rev. Charlton H. Storey, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

## SATURDAY

O. L. Wilcox was here today from Tabor.

C. R. L. Jones was here today from Harvey.

Joe Goldenberg went to Dallas on business today.

Mrs. B. Shiba of College was a visitor to the city today.

Mrs. Geo. F. Lee of Wellborn was shopping in the city today.

John Kosarek of Riverside was in the city on business today.

Miss Olive McGee of Mumford is a guest of Miss Lucille Stuart.

Prof. and Mrs. W. L. Powers were in town today from Millican.

Rev. Almer Kelly of Bryan Baptist Academy is visiting in Tomball.

John Yeager of Kurten was in the city today and called on the Eagle.

J. D. McCaslin was a visitor to Bryan today from Tunis, Burleson County.

A. A. Dean and son Ross of Tabor were among the visitors in the city today.

Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Odom of Kurten were among the visitors to the city today.

F. A. Capps of Arlington is among the guests registered at Hotel Bryan today.

Misses Jessie Baker and Claudia Steele of Navasota were visitors to this city today.

Mrs. J. H. Gregg and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gregg were visitors to Bryan today from Pitts Bridge.

L. M. Levinson, manager of the Bryan and College Interurban, went to Houston on business yesterday.

Professor J. E. Batson of Harvey was in the city today and paid the

Eagle office an appreciated call.

Mrs. Tom Skinner and Misses Mamie Terry and Gladys Barron of Tunis were shopping in the city today.

Mrs. J. A. McNeal of Bay City arrived today, having been called here on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. M. C. Ettle.

Mrs. De Steiguer of San Marcos arrived yesterday for a visit to her daughter, Miss Ida Mae de Steiguer, who is a teacher at Bryan Baptist Academy.

Miss Ruth Boatwright arrived yesterday from Belton, where she is attending Baylor Female College, for a visit to her home in this city.

W. C. Davis is at home to spend Saturday and Sunday from Franklin, where he has been attending the Robertson County district court.

Villa Maria fine tamales will be sold at Mrs. Maggie Harris' on Tuesday afternoon Feb. 8. Phone orders early 445.

## MONDAY

Solon Morgan of Reliance was in the city today.

W. H. Greby has returned from a brief visit to Austin.

Judge V. B. Hudson is attending district court in Franklin.

Mrs. Dan Kidd and children were visitors in Bryan Saturday.

Miss Hettie Edge has returned from a visit to friends in Calvert.

Joe Oprsteny has returned from a business trip to Fort Worth.

Mrs. N. T. Melton has returned from a visit to relatives in Troupe.

Roy Roberts left last night for El Paso, where he has accepted a position.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Turner are visiting relatives and friends in Beaumont.

Joe Spell of Hockley spent yesterday with his mother, Mrs. Emma Spell of this city.

Mrs. Geo. Dunn of Wheelock went to Port Arthur yesterday for a visit to Mrs. P. C. Pfeiffer.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Searcy of Hempstead spent yesterday with Dr. Searcy's parents, Captain and Mrs. A. J. Searcy.

Warren T. Withers returned to Houston yesterday afternoon, after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Withers.

E. G. Bryant, master mechanic on the International & Great Northern Railway, spent yesterday with friends in this city.

Mrs. James T. Ward of Muskogee, Ok., who has been a guest of relatives in this city for some time, went to Houston for a visit yesterday.

Mrs. Minerva Reed of Bell County arrived yesterday and is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Cavitt of Wheelock. She was accompanied from Austin by Mr. Cavitt.

Tom Goodwin and W. S. Mial of the bottom were in the city today to attend a meeting of the levee commissioners of levee district No. 1 of Burleson County.

J. H. White Jr. was in town trading today from Tabor.

John Haygood has returned to his home in Benchley, after visiting in this city.

Miss Clara Seale returned to her home in Benchley today, after a visit to relatives in this city.

Mrs. W. B. Loftin of Millican arrived today and is a guest of her sister, Mrs. Henry Crenshaw.

Mrs. S. J. Tucker of New York City who has been a guest of her aunt, Miss Hattie Tucker, for a brief visit, went to Dallas for a visit to relatives today.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bell and little daughter returned to their home in Fort Worth today, after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spreckel-meyer.

Theodore Miller, public construction superintendent for the United States government, was in the city today for his weekly inspection of the new postoffice building.

## TUESDAY

O. S. Johnson went to Dallas today on a business trip.

A. W. Dyess of Harvey was in the city today and called on the Eagle.

Mrs. George Sorrell has returned from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Waco.

Dr. Frank R. Jones of A. and M. College went to Calvert on business connected with his work today.

C. M. Evans of the extension service department of A. and M. College left Tuesday for Calvert to conduct some special work in animal husbandry.

Mrs. J. C. Williamson, after spending a week in Bryan with her sister, Mrs. Ivan Boyette, returned to her home in Ennis today.

Mrs. Louise Curren of Ennis, after a month's stay with her daughter, Mrs. Ivan Boyette, returned to her home today.

District Clerk Barron, who has been confined to his room with la grippe for a week, was able to be in his office today. Mrs. Barron is also confined to her room with the same ailment.

L. D. Webster and family and Mrs. Webster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P.

about March 1.



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Your wishes will be gratified at the nearest store that sells tobacco, for Prince Albert is in universal demand. It can be bought all over the states and all over the world! Tippy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound tin humidor—and that fine pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such excellent trim.

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

Calloway, who have just recently moved to Bryan to reside, are occupying the J. W. Hunnicutt home. Mrs. Calloway has been very sick for a few days and is no better. Mr. Webster is the new manager of the Eagle Printing Company.

O. Ray of Wharton was in the city on business today.

Assistant State Fire Marshal A. W. Penninger was here from Austin on business connected with his office today.

## RETURNED WITH PRISONER.

Sheriff T. C. Nunn has returned from Groesbeck, where he had gone after Ed Fairfax, colored, wanted in this country on a charge of deserting his wife. Fairfax was arrested and was being held by the officers of Groesbeck to await the arrival of Sheriff Nunn. He has been placed in the county jail.

STRAYED—Mouse-colored mare mule 15 or 16 hands high, 12 or 15 years old. No mark or brand. Taken up about Jan. 21. Phone or write H. A. Flach, College Station.

## BODY ARRIVED MONDAY.

The body of Carleton Davidson, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Davidson, who died in Valparaiso, Ind., on Thursday night of last week, arrived in Bryan Monday and the funeral was held from the residence of Dr. Davidson today at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. C. T. Tally, after which the body was carried to the Harvey cemetery, at what is known as the Bright Light Church, where interment took place.

The untimely death of this young man, who gave so much promise of a brilliant future, was a crushing blow to his parents, who have the most profound sympathy of their many friends.

Had Carleton lived until April he would have been 21 years old. He was born in Wharton, and when only a small boy gave his heart to God and united with the Methodist Church.

He was a moral, upright, genteel young man, ever having a smile and a hearty hand shake for all, and it was indeed a sad message that came to Bryan of his death while in Indiana attending college.

MODERN UPTOWN OFFICE.

J. W. Wooters, division commercial manager for the Western Union Telegraph Company, was here Tuesday and made arrangements to open an uptown office for his company, which will prove very convenient to our people. The office will be located in the Commerce building on Mosely street. The rooms to be occupied are to be thoroughly remodeled, new windows installed, and everything arranged conveniently and with a view of giving the best possible service. It is expected to have everything ready for moving into the new quarters about March 1.

## ED HICKMAN KILLED ON EVE OF TRIAL OF REAGAN CASE.

Shots Through Window Ended Life of Defendant in Franklin Hearing.

[By Associated Press.] Franklin, Tex., Feb. 8.—Ed Hickman, who was to be tried here Monday for the killing of Joe Reagan, was shot and instantly killed by some unidentified person here Sunday night.

Hickman, together with several relatives and friends, had rented a vacant house near the depot to occupy during the trial and were seated in the north room of the house eating supper when a shotgun was fired through the window from the outside of the house, striking Hickman in the head and killing him instantly. Two loads of buckshot were fired in rapid succession, one of which struck the window several inches above its mark.

Hickman was under indictment for the killing of Joe Reagan, who was shot and killed in the northern part of Robertson County in the summer of 1914. He was tried at the last term of court and given five years in the penitentiary, but a new trial was granted.

The officers have failed to find any clue as to who fired the shots that killed Hickman.

## IN MEMORIAM.

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, about 12 o'clock the death angel visited the home of Mr. John Manard and took from him his precious wife, Mrs. Georgie Manard, after only a week's illness of pneumonia. Though everything that loving hands and medical skill could do was done, the summons had come, and this good woman calmly went out into the unknown world to meet her maker and Saviour.

Mrs. Manard was a good and kind mother, a most devoted wife and a consecrated Christian, and her untimely demise caused universal sadness not alone to the devoted husband and little children, but to the entire community of Wheelock, where she had lived so long. Besides her husband she is survived by six children, father, brothers and sisters, and to them we would say, "He that believeth on me, though he were dead yet shall he live," and look not into the past but to the future, and strive to meet your loved one in the heavenly home above where there will be no more sad farewells to say.

A FRIEND.

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Itemized Statement of All Funds Collected in January.

The following monthly report of Tax Collector W. I. McCulloch has been made for January, 1916, covering tax collections for that month:

State taxes on tax rolls of 1915: Revenue, \$21,929.96; school tax, \$14,646.80; pension, \$3,661.70; poll, \$1,426.50. Total, \$41,664.96.

Supplemental roll: Revenue, \$34.35; school, \$22.94; pension, \$5.75; poll, \$1,089.50. Total, \$1,152.02. Revenue, \$235.10; school, \$308.17; pension, \$36.71. Total, \$579.98.

Totals: Revenue, \$22,199.41; school, \$14,977.91; pension, \$3,704.14; poll, \$2,515.50.

Grand total, \$43,396.96.

County Taxes.

On tax rolls of 1915: Ad valorem, \$32,916.15; road and bridge, \$24,941.65; district schools, \$5,984.25; poll, \$237.75. Total, \$64,079.80.

Supplemental roll: Ad valorem, \$51.57; road and bridge, \$49.97; district school, \$9.65; poll, \$181.20. Total, \$290.94.

Levee tax: \$427.35.

Redemptions: Ad valorem, \$833.64; district school, \$38.54. Total, \$872.18.

Totals: Ad valorem, \$33,800.76; road and bridge, \$24,991.62; district school, \$10,306.39; poll, \$417.50.

Grand total, \$69,516.27.

Occupation taxes: State, \$162.56; county, \$81.50.

FARMERS BUY SUDAN SEED.

Many in Victoria Like Grass Better Than Sorghum.

Victoria, Tex., Feb. 7.—In the report of County Farm Demonstrator Theodore Kreuz at the monthly meeting of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, Friday night, it was shown that Sudan grass seed sufficient to plant 2,000 acres had been purchased by the farmers of the county this year.

Only about twenty-four acres were planted hereabouts last year. Many farmers are substituting Sudan grass for sorghum, so well are they pleased with it for stock feeding purposes.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Only one marriage license has been issued by County Clerk Higgs since our last report Monday, that of Rhodes Macy to Pearl Wilson colored.

A little learning is more dangerous than much ignorance.

## CANE SEED

Just Received car of Red Top and Amber Cane Seed. Car of Seven Varieties of the Best Seed Corn, also a supply of all kinds of Feed Stuff. Prices Reasonable.

**R. L. BROGDON**



## INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS PRIZE OFFER

Will Distribute \$10,000 Among Progressive Farmers of Texas in Prizes.

The Texas Industrial Congress announces its sixth annual prize offer of \$10,000 in gold to the farmers of Texas who secure the best yields, cost of production considered, of specific crops in 1916, and for the best steers, baby beeves and hogs produced under certain conditions.

The prizes are absolutely free. Competition is open without charge or cost of any kind to all who will comply with the simple requirements necessary for conducting the contests fairly and honestly.

This offer is made solely for the purpose of encouraging those engaged in agriculture and because the necessity of soil conservation is so vital to all of the business interests of the state that no effort should be spared to secure the adoption of better farming methods.

**Class A—Exall Model Farm Club.**  
Competition open to all.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best yields of merchantable crops, cost of production considered, from four acres cultivated in cotton, corn, cowpeas and either kaffir, milo or feterita.

**Class B—Texas Corn Club.**  
Competition open only to boys and girls ten years of age or over and under twenty on Jan. 1, 1916.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best yields of corn grown on one acre.

**Class C—Texas Cotton Club.**  
Competition open only to boys and girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 to Jan. 1, 1916.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best yields of cotton grown on one acre.

**Class D—Forage Crops.**  
Competition open to all.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best yields of kaffir, milo or feterita grown on one acre.

**Class E—Texas Peanut Club.**  
Competition open only to boys and girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1916.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best yields of peanuts and peanut hay.

**Class F—Kieberg Beef Club.**  
Competition open to all.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best steers, not more than 3 years old on Nov. 1, 1916. Feeding period to begin July 1, 1916.

**Class G—Pryor Baby Beef Club.**  
Open only to boys and girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1916.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best baby beeves (steer calves), not more than 16 months old on Nov. 1, 1916. Feeding period to begin July 1, 1916.

**Class H—Frank P. Holland Hog Club.**  
Open only to boys and girls 10 years of age or over and under 20 on Jan. 1, 1916.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best hogs (barrows), not more than 15 months old on Nov. 1, 1916. Feeding period to begin July 1, 1916.

**Class I—Grain Crops.**  
Competition open to all.

\$1,000 in prizes—For the best yields per acre of wheat, oats, rye or barley, grown on not less than five acres.

**Class J—Home and School Gardens.**  
For schools and individual contestants.

Section 1. School gardens.

Open to all schools.  
\$500 in prizes—For the best yields of not less than ten marketable vegetables, grown on plots of any size.

Sec. 2. Home gardens in town or country.

Competition open to all.

\$500 in prizes—For the best yields of not less than ten marketable vegetables, grown on plots of any size, on the farms and in the backyards of towns and city homes.

Applications to enter the above contests will be received at any time, but no contestant after May 1, 1916, may compete for this year's prize, in the Field Crop and Garden Classes, nor after July 1, 1916, in the Live Stock Classes.

Every contestant must agree not to appeal from the decision of the committee on awards, but to accept its judgment in every case as final.

The yields must be determined by actually weighing them in the presence of two unrelated, disinterested witnesses. No estimates will be accepted. All contests close on Nov. 1, 1916, and final reports and statements of yields and costs must be made not later than Nov. 15, 1916.

Application blanks and the rules of the contest will be gladly sent to any one upon application.

**Contestant's Entry Blank.**

Date ..... 1916

Please enter me as a contestant for the prizes in Class.....for

(State what crop, garden division, or kind of live stock.)

.....

.....

I promise to report promptly on the

blanks furnished me for that purpose the condition of my prize crop (or live stock), to keep an accurate account by hours of all labor in cultivating my crop (or an accurate daily feed account for live stock), and if I withdraw from the contest, I will notify the congress. I agree to observe the conditions of the contest in every respect, to abide by the decisions and rulings of the committee on awards, and not to appeal therefrom in any particular.

Name in full (write plainly).....

My age on Jan. 1, 1916, was.....

years. Postoffice.....

Street or R. F. D.....

County.....

Fill all blanks; be sure to sign your name; write very plainly and mail to the Texas Industrial Congress, Dallas, Tex.

### WAGON YARD READY.

Splendid Place Provided for Taking Care of Campers.

The work of preparing Bryan's new wagon yard for the use of all who wish to come to Bryan and trade and to give all a camping place who wish to stay over night has been started, and the stalls and yard will be in first-class shape by Saturday. The city's forces have begun installing the lights and connecting the water for the yard and these will also be ready for use by the time the wagon yard is open to the campers.

The committee in charge of the yard has secured Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Witt, a well known and reliable couple, who have made their home in Bryan for several years, to make their home in the keeper's house, which is provided by the owner of the property, and Mr. Witt will have full charge of the yard. All arrangements for making the place up to date and for conducting it have been perfected and Bryan will soon have one of the best wagon yards provided by any city in Texas.

### PRESENTED MAGAZINE RACK.

Elegant Piece of Furniture for Carnegie by Manual Training Boys.

The students of the manual training department of the Bryan High School, under the supervision of Professor J. L. Reese, have just completed an elegant magazine stand for the Carnegie Public Library. It was taken to the library today. Miss Willie Rogers, the librarian, reports that this is an equipment which has been needed for some time, and that she is very proud of it.

She reports that the library is becoming more popular of late than heretofore and that about fifty books are loaned out daily. The following are some figures furnished by Miss Rogers: On Jan. 22 she let out 111 books; on Jan. 29, 112; on Jan. 31, 55, and 50 yesterday.

The students of the schools are also using the library books extensively in their reference work and this is another great benefit being derived from the institution.

### A NEW SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

A number of the young aggressive Italians of Bryan and Brazos County desiring that they may become more useful citizens, have organized the Bryan Columbia Society, the principles of which shall be for an upright citizenship, the awakening of educational interests, the broadening of social culture and a hope that they may be more effective citizens in the advancement of the people as a whole. No one can become a member of this society who has not enough of patriotic love and devotion of country to pay a poll tax, or who, in any way, is not a bonafide citizen of the United States, of Texas and of Brazos County.

The society has its by-laws and requirements of membership and with the lofty principles for which it stands it hopes to soon have a large enrollment of enthusiastic, active members. It organized since the first of the year with a charter list of twelve, but since which time its membership has been increased to twenty-six.

The following are its officers for the present term:

Mike Depuma, president; Frank Patronello, vice president; Andrew Restivo, secretary; Sam Palermo, treasurer; T. S. Woodyard, master of arms; B. C. Cash, P. J. Palasote, Ben Lambo, Mike Altimore, board of directors.

The list of charter members are: B. C. Cash, P. J. Palasote, Ben Lambo, Mike Altimore, Mike Depuma, Frank Patronello, Andrew Restivo, Sam Palermo, T. S. Woodyard, Joe Cash, Jno. Patronello and Sam Deluka.

Men who have a lean and hungry look are nearly always the biggest eaters.

Shortly after the wedding march many a man discovers that he's an April fool.

## LIEUTENANT STUCK TO HIS POSITION

Directed Artillery Fire While Shells Rained All About Him.

Paris, Feb. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A French artillery captain tells the following story of operations in Alsace:

"We had decided to get rid of a machine gun shelter that had been annoying us a great deal and while we were about it to knock the front line of German trenches to pieces. The lines were so close that the colonel ordered all the front trenches to be evacuated except for my lieutenant who had volunteered to stay there and direct the fire.

"My battery opened fire and after a few rounds my lieutenant telephoned that we were doing well, but that if we would shorten our range twenty yards, it would be still better. As the range was over 3,500 yards, I asked him if he was sure I could shorten it without danger to him. He answered that it was quite safe. After a number of rounds he telephoned me again to shorten the range, this time by ten yards. 'Then,' he said, 'your shells will be falling right on the front line of German trenches.' I told him that I would do it, but that he would of course retire to the second line.

"I gave him time to get away, and then began again. Ten minutes later, to my amazement, the telephone rang again. My lieutenant had stayed at his post although a perfect hail of trench shells was bursting on the German trenches just seven yards away from him. We measured the distance. It says something for our gunners that only one shell had burst in the French trench."

## SENATE TO AID FLOOD SUFFERERS

Appropriated Hundred Thousand Dollars and Will Furnish War Tents.

[By Associated Press.]  
Washington, Feb. 4.—The senate passes a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the Mississippi Valley flood sufferers and authorizing the secretary of war to loan tents for those who are made homeless.

### DROWNED RESCUING GIRL.

Three Men Perished in Lake Oklahoma.

(By Associated Press)  
Porum, Ok., Feb. 4.—Three persons were drowned at the water works lake one mile north of here Wednesday night while they were trying to rescue Stella Anderson, who went through the ice.

The dead are Orbek Anderson, 20; Leonard Johnson, 22; Geo. Steiner, 20. Anderson and Steiner were taken out dead in forty minutes. Johnson's body was found after a three-hour search.

## ARKANSAS HARD HIT BY FLOODS

Buildings at Penal Farm Swept Away and Damage Runs to Thousands.

(By Associated Press)  
Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 4.—All buildings on the state penal farm at Cummins were swept away by the Arkansas River floods and the damage is running into the thousands.

Attempts were unsuccessfully made last night to dynamite the government levee at Pine Bluff, and the officials are investigating. The cause is unknown.

Train service on the Iron Mountain between Little Rock and St. Louis has been restored.

### ADMINISTRATION NOTICE.

The State of Texas, County of Brazos—To those indebted to, or holding claims against the estate of C. A. Glenn, deceased:

The undersigned having been duly appointed administrator of the estate of C. A. Glenn, deceased, late of Brazos County, Texas, by J. T. Maloney, judge of the county court of said county, on the 4th day of February, 1916, during a regular term thereof, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to him at his residence, Bryan, Brazos County, Texas, where he receives his mail, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1916.

JNO. M. LAWRENCE,  
Administrator of the estate of C. A. Glenn, deceased.

## THE FATE OF MANY CONVICTS UNKNOWN

No Word From 800 at Cummins State Farm, Where Great Flood Is at Its Worst.

[By Associated Press.]

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 2.—No information was received today on the fate of the 800 negro convicts at the Cummins penal farm, where the Arkansas flood is at its height, and where the river is cutting to pieces the huge levee in front of the convict farms. A second effort to rescue the men will be made today. Half the number are on the levees and the other half are in the back camps.

Several hundred are marooned near Douglas and will be without food unless aid is sent soon. Houses are inundated in other flooded towns.

Hundreds are marooned in Newport, where the water is from two to fifteen feet deep, but long distance advices say they have provisions.

Train service to Pine Bluff on the Iron Mountain was suspended last night.

### BAILEY MAY COME TO TEXAS.

Former Senator May Come Through State on Way From San Francisco.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Former Senator Bailey left Tuesday night for Columbus, Ohio, to appear in court, from which place he goes to San Francisco on legal business. Returning, he will stop in Colorado on the Slaughter case, and if his business permits will go to Texas for a few days before returning to Washington.

It is understood that the former senator will confer with friends regarding the senatorial campaign. Letters and telegrams received from Texas since the announcement of Senator Culberson are more insistent than ever that Senator Bailey enter the race.

### H. L. McKNIGHT SPEAKS.

H. L. McKnight of the extension work of the A. and M. College addressed a good crowd of farmers Saturday afternoon at the county court room. His subject was chiefly community co-operation and the advantages of same. He also discussed briefly

scientific agriculture sometime erroneously called book farming. He showed that such farming is not theoretical at all, but actual demonstration by many series of experiments. What the agents of the state and federal departments of agriculture were telling the people was not theory or speculation, but facts gleaned by actual, careful, laborious and expensive experiments in actual work.

He explained that no one doubts the science of medicine, law, architectural engineering and why should any one doubt the science of agriculture?

His address was listened to closely and we believe had a good effect.

The Review, from the reports of his work in this county, believes he has accomplished much good.

The Review hopes he may come back some time in the future.—Athens Review.

## CLEANING UP TWO TREATY TROUBLES

The Senate Working to Clean Up the Old Treaty Troubles With Columbia and Panama.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 2.—Senate relations committee reported favorably the long pending Columbian treaty, reducing the proposed payment to Columbia from \$25,000,000 to \$15,000,000, and altering the proposed apology of the United States for the partition of Panama. Senator Clarke of Montana was the only Democrat voting against it. The committee also reported favorably the treaty to pay Nicaragua \$3,000,000 for the canal route and naval bases in Fonseca Bay.

### INSTALLING FIRE ESCAPES.

The work of installing fire escapes on the Masonic building was begun today. They will be placed on the south side of the building near the rear end. The work is being done by Parker-Astin Hardware Company. Fire escapes will also be placed on the East Side High School building and Parker-Astin Hardware Company's building. The state laws recently passed require fire escapes on all buildings three or more stories high.

## WOMEN TO FIGHT IMMODEST DRESS

Declare Indecent Clothes Should Be Censored, Just as Dancing Is, at Balls.

[By Associated Press.]

New York, Feb. 2.—Extreme fashions in women's dress will be one of the most important topics to be considered at the general federation of women's clubs of America, to be held here next May according to Mrs. William Grant Brown, chairman of the local board of the federation.

"Ten thousand delegates will take back to their homes a concrete idea of dress reform that will be a blessing to the whole country," Mrs. Brown said today. "We believe in the decollete gown so far as it is a work of art, but it should be modest and never sensational. There has grown up a custom of dress for women, especially young girls, that is simply frightful. The extreme split skirt that shocked us once has given place to the extreme split waist. Evening gowns worn nowadays by women who probably mean well but are foolish, are utterly disgusting, being cut in some cases nearly to the waist. These women do not do this to attract attention, but because they are possessed by the idea that to be partly draped is fashionable."

"Most club women want to establish a general rule against indecent extremes in evening dress and a custom of making women's gowns conform to the following four rules: First, individually, every woman trying to express her own ideas; second, modesty, not puritanism, but a decent regard for what is proper; third, good taste, a degree of art in the expression of individualism; fourth, appropriateness, young girls should not be dressed like matrons, old women should not be dressed like girls."

"Many women suggest that if the present custom of sensational dressing continues, an established ball room censorship should prohibit women so gowned from appearing on the floor, exactly as indecent dancing is forbidden."

The traveler wants full fare at hotels, but he doesn't object to half fare on railroads.

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They are a sure crop while corn is a doubtful one.

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# ROUSING MASS MEETING AT BRYAN OPERA HOUSE

Question of Preparedness Discussed and Magnificent Arguments Made on Both Sides of the Question—Ringing Resolutions Adopted Endorsing Presidents Program.

The Colonial Theater was filled to its capacity last night with an enthusiastic audience composed of the citizens of Bryan, College and the surrounding country in response to the call of Colonel Clarence Ousley for a consideration of the administration policy on preparedness. A great many ladies were in the audience.

Until the meeting was more than half over it appeared that harmony would prevail and there was nothing on the surface to indicate but that the entire audience was heartily in favor of endorsing the president in his fight for preparedness. Before the close of the meeting, however, opposition developed and the meeting was one of the liveliest held in Bryan in a long time.

The meeting was called to order by Colonel Ousley, who stated that inasmuch as he had called the meeting it was fit that he should give some explanation of its import. He did not want to assume leadership in the matter and should have consulted some of his neighbors but was called away from the city on other business and did not have an opportunity to do so. He was glad, however, one of the well-known citizens of Texas was present, a man of wide information and an able speaker. Continuing Colonel Ousley said with reference to the urgency that the people give expression to their views that he had brought himself to believe that the Russo-Japanese war would be the last horrible example of that kind of strife, that commerce and progress in civilization would restrain further blood shed and bring about an era of arbitration for the settlement of national difficulties but in a night three-quarters of the civilized world had been plunged into war. And this conflict had upset all our calculations and put to flight all our vain philosophy. He referred to conditions that may arise at the close of the present war on the part of other nations which would make it absolutely imperative that we be thoroughly prepared. Colonel Ousley spoke further in part as follows:

"It seems to me important at this time for the citizens of Texas to begin to express themselves on the president's policy of preparedness. The impression prevails in Washington that perhaps Texas is not in favor of any increase in the army or navy. In fact, I think it safe to say that previous to the wonderful campaign which the president has just concluded a popular vote without discussion would have been unfavorable to any increase in the army or navy. But rarely no man who has informed himself now questions the wisdom of the policy proposed by President Wilson at taking out insurance of national defense.

## Evidence of Great National Need.

"Whatever doubt the citizens may have had, he is a stupid man who does not recognize in this extraordinary situation of the president in going before the country as he is now doing unquestioned evidence of the great national need. It was my good fortune to hear the president in New York a week ago tonight, and I could not fail to appreciate the significance of this remark: 'Our international relations may not be so peaceful tomorrow.' He paused at that point and impressively said, 'I use 'tomorrow' in the literal meaning of the word.'

Plainly he sees dangers which the average citizen cannot perceive because he is in a position to perceive them. Undoubtedly the president has a wledge of delicate developments pending which may prevent him from keeping peace without the sacrifice of honor. I am not alarmed, because he is not alarmed; but as he is, it seems to me that patriotic thoughtful citizens ought to take seriously.

I believe that congress will adopt a program, but we will greatly strengthen his hands if, as groups of men, we will now speak our minds on this important subject. If we agree to him, we owe it to him to say so. Before I think it becoming for the citizens of Texas, regardless of party, to hold public meetings and give expression to their opinions, do not mean unduly to criticize

our members of congress who are hesitating to express themselves on the subject, but I mean only to call the attention of citizens to their right to be heard, and I believe in the present emergency it is their solemn duty to make themselves heard.

"There need be no fear that this country will drift into militarism. Our democracy is too deeply woven into the very fabric of our being, but there is need for greater military strength, not so much in the standing army, but in the training of our citizens in the duties of soldiers.

## Young Men Must Be Trained.

"Until fifty years ago the most of our people lived in country places and the large majority of our men knew how to shoot a gun, to ride a horse and to care for themselves in the open. Now the majority of the people in the United States live in towns and cities and comparatively few men know how to shoot a gun or ride a horse or to pitch a tent. By the means recommended by the president we can train young men for the possible emergency of war without making them bloodthirsty or without making the nation in the least aggressive.

"Whatever may be the present procedure in this respect, however, the important point for immediate consideration is that the president of the nation with an intimate knowledge of its foreign relations solemnly admonishes us to prepare.

## President Should Be Encouraged.

"To ignore his advice, under all circumstances, is nothing less than foolhardy, and our present duty is to meet as citizens and let him know and our representatives know that we sustain him in his moderate proposals for national preparedness.

"Ordinarily I would not publicly discuss a political question, because I am engaged in educational work, but this is not a political question in the ordinary sense. It is a matter of national welfare and it rises above all partisan consideration."

In closing Colonel Ousley introduced Major Charles H. Mills of Corsicana, who delivered a very eloquent and patriotic address. Major Mills said that if any apology were due for his presence at the meeting he was ready to tender it, but did not believe that such would be required. He had traveled all over Texas, felt at home everywhere. He was a native Texan and that all Texans were his fellow citizens and he did not believe it necessary to apologize for his appearance anywhere. He thanked Colonel Ousley for his words of praise in his introductory and stated that all have something in their lives to be proud of. He was especially proud of the heroic deeds of his ancestors and the records they had left on the pages of history. Another thing for which he was proud in connection with Bryan was because it was here he secured as his partner for life what he believed to be the sweetest and grandest woman ever created. (Colonel Mills' wife was Miss Ray Sims, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. M. W. Sims.) He is also proud of the fact that he was a delegate to the great Baltimore National Democratic Convention and helped to nominate Woodrow Wilson for president. That he was a Woodrow Wilson man before the convention, after the convention and is still for him because he believes in him. We need the president and the president needs us. "Our president is the watchman on the tower; he knows things we cannot know and where he leads we should not hesitate to follow. He is asking for a navy to protect our seacoast, for an army, not for militarism and conquest, but for defense and protection."

"Since the eventful hour of Xerxes' defeat to this good time marvelous deeds have been written upon history's pages by the men who go down to the sea in ships, but none, not excepting the great naval heroes of other nations have eclipsed in valor and heroism the naval heroes of America." He referred to John Paul Jones, Admiral Perry, the gallant Lawrence and many others, and added that the president wants a navy able to preserve the traditions handed down to us by the heroism of the patriots of the past. Are we to be denied our rights on the seas? The seas are free and are as much ours

as any other nation. Must we pledge to some Shylock the pound of flesh to be cut nearest our hearts, or shall our president demand them and we sustain that right whatever the cost may be? Our cotton and our wheat are denied that right on the seas today and these are among the problems that are now confronting our president. He says that writing notes has become wearisome and do we want him to keep on writing notes, or do we want him to write one more and let that settle it? I want to see the time come and come quickly when he will say, "I have spoken," and let this be the final word of forty-eight sovereign states and 100,000,000 patriots. That man who is not willing to fight for the flag is not worthy to live under it and I know Texans will not fail. I know what your answer will be and that with me you will say I am ready to follow the president wherever he may lead."

At this point in the meeting a motion was made and carried that Colonel Ousley be elected chairman of the meeting and A. J. Buchanan was elected secretary, after which Colonel Ousley read the following resolutions:

"Be It Resolved by citizens of Bryan, Brazos County, Tex., in mass meeting assembled, That we indorse the policy of better national preparedness for defense, as advocated by President Wilson; That the details of needed and efficient expansion of the army and navy are matters of expert and technical knowledge which we do not profess, but we will cheerfully approve any plans which the president, the congress and their advisors may evolve in the wisdom of counsel, and we respectfully recommend that generous provisions be made for the development of a well-trained and well-equipped citizen soldiery as the safest assurance against any overt danger that may threaten from without and against the sinister peril of militarism that might develop from within. To these ends and to the utmost of the nation's needs we pledge our resources, our lives and our sacred honor. Be it further,

"Resolved, That we suggest to our fellow citizens of other communities similar assemblages and appropriate expressions of the people in order that the true sentiment of Texas may be duly and soberly reflected as at once with the lofty and resolute purpose of the president to keep the peace with honor, but to maintain the nation's honor at any cost."

Major L. L. McInnis spoke briefly in favor of the resolutions and made a motion that they be adopted by the meeting.

Here the first break in the harmony of the evening arose when Mr. Kellogg of the college arose and spoke in opposition to the resolution. He said he was a student in Princeton while President Wilson was president of that institution and yielded to no man in loyalty to the president. He did not believe, however, in so much preparedness. He believed on the other hand that it led to conflict, and as for him he had rather believe and trust in humanity or the good in humanity. That preparedness was not a guaranty of peace and the present war had demonstrated this fact.

Ed Hall was the next speaker and paid a glowing tribute to President Wilson and believed that his name would go down in history with the names of Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson and the other great men of the past. He thought this was not a time for division and that the people of the country would stand behind the president in his program for preparedness.

Professor R. O. Allen expressed the highest esteem for the president and was resolved to follow him, but he could not get away from the great principles of peace expressed by William Jennings Bryan. He objected to the resolutions, believing them to be too sweeping in committing the people to the program of preparedness and thought that they should be amended by limiting them in certain particulars. He made a motion to amend certain paragraphs in the resolutions, but the motion was voted down.

Other speakers against the resolution were Professor John A. Moore, Professor Elliott of the A. and M. College and Jordan T. Lawler, Mr. Morrison of the A. and M. College spoke for the resolutions. There were others doubtless who desired to speak, but calls for the question became so insistent the chairman was forced to submit it to a vote and same was adopted by a large majority.

During the evening a patriotic song was rendered by Dr. S. C. Richardson, O. P. Hall, Professor Keaton and L. S. Whittaker. "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America" were rendered by the choirs of the several churches of the city, joined by the audience.

Taken as a whole the meeting was one of the most interesting ever held in Bryan and will cause our people to do a great deal more thinking of the conditions of our army and navy and on the subject of preparedness than they have ever done before.

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It makes no difference whether you are a customer or not, we extend you a hearty invitation to visit us and make yourself as much at home as if you were within the walls of your own house. We will appreciate a share of your patronage this month and can assure you of the high quality goods, best prices and efficient service.

Thanking you in advance for all business of which we may be favored, we are yours to serve.

# M. H. JAMES

## FARMERS AGAIN BEAT BAPTISTS

Baylor Bears Made Only One Field Goal in 41 to 6 Defeat by the Farmers.

Texas A. and M. took toll from the Baylor Baptists' basket ball five here yesterday afternoon in a fast contest. The final score was 41 to 6. The defeat administered by the Aggies this afternoon is the most decisive the Baptists have received. In the first game of the series played Wednesday night A. and M. whipped the Wacoans 39 to 8.

Braumiller threw eight baskets and Gilfillan threw five, these men leading the scoring for the Farmers.

Wilson threw Baylor's only basket. Thompson and Tinsley played good ball for Baylor. In the last half Coach Graves used four substitutes for the Aggies.

The lineup:  
Baylor Position. A. and M.  
Proctor ..... N. Braumiller  
Right forward.  
Griffin ..... Gilfillan, Hanson  
Left forward.

Thompson ..... Settegast  
Center.  
Wilson ..... W. Braumiller, Barnes  
Right guard.  
Tinsley ..... Burkett, Kendrick  
Left guard.

Referee: Firth (Chicago). Goals: Braumiller 8, Gilfillan 5, Settegast 2, Burkett 2, Kendrick 2, Wilson 1. Fouls thrown: Hanson 1, Settegast 2, Thompson 4.

## BAPTIST EASY FOR FARMERS

A. and M. Defeated Baylor in Basket Ball 39 to 8—Play Again This Afternoon.

The Aggies played rings around the five from Baylor at the A. and M. College last night and defeated them, 39 to 8. The first half was fast from the start and neither team seemed to have the advantage during the first few minutes of play. The Aggies rallied toward the latter part of the half, however, and began to shoot baskets

from difficult angles that dazzled the Baylor bears. The half ended with the Aggies leading, 20 to 5.

Baylor played faster at the opening of the second half and shot two goals in rapid succession. Braumiller and Gilfillan lead in the points, the former scoring 17 points, while the latter scored 16. Thompson of the Bears played a consistent game throughout.

Lineup:  
A. and M. Position Baylor.  
N. Braumiller (capt.) ..... Schulkey  
Right forward.  
Gilfillan ..... Harrell  
Left forward.  
Settegast ..... Thompson  
Center.  
W. Braumiller ..... Wilson  
Right guard.  
Burkett ..... Griffin (capt.), Fox  
Left guard.  
Referee: Firth (Chicago). Umpire: Steger (Ohio Wesleyan).

## M-ADOO WILL NOT COME TO TEXAS

Sent Message to Fort Worth Organization Announcing Change in Plans.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 4.—Secretary of the Treasury William McAdoo will be unable to visit Fort Worth and Dallas at this time, although according to the telegram received by Secretary R. O. McCormack of the Chamber of Commerce Thursday, the southwestern trip is merely postponed indefinitely and not canceled. Plans for the entertainment of the secretary and his official party had been made both here and in Dallas. The telegram follows:

"I am distressed and disappointed beyond measure to have to postpone my visit to Fort Worth and Dallas. Pressure of public business in this department is so great that I find it impossible to leave Washington as I expected to do Saturday. I hope to visit Fort Worth in the near future. Many thanks for your kind invitation."

Governor Ferguson, who had responded promptly to the invitation to be one of the speakers on that date, was notified Thursday of the postponement.

And many a man who loves his enemy carries it around with him in a pocket flask.

## PUSHING FIGHT ON HOG CHOLERA

Work of A. and M. College to Be Continued and Congress Asked for Appropriation for Same.

With the view of continuing the educational campaign with reference to hog cholera which has been carried on for the past two years by the A. and M. College extension service in co-operation with the bureau of animal industry, Director Ousley of the local organization is urging Texas congressmen to favor ample support for that work. Mr. Ousley returned this week from Washington.

No provision was made in the budget of the bureau of animal industry for the continuation of this work. Mr. Ousley secured promises from congressmen, most interested in agricultural development, to have an appropriation for the hog cholera work put in the bill.

"I regard the educational campaign, showing farmers how to combat hog cholera as one of the most valuable pieces of work possible to the agricultural interests of Texas," said Mr. Ousley. "Dr. F. R. Jones, who is in this work now has done service of untold value to the hog growers of Texas by demonstrations and lectures dealing with this disease, which is the chief limiting factor in pork production in Texas."

## MORGAN SAILED FOR LONDON.

Associate Denied Plan of New Loan to Allies.

[By Associated Press.]  
New York, Feb. 3.—J. P. Morgan sailed last night for England aboard the steamship Rotterdam. He was accompanied by Benjamin Strong, governor of the New York Federal Reserve Bank. Announcement that the two men were to visit London caused much speculation and interest in financial circles yesterday.

At the Morgan banking house no details were obtainable beyond the statement that business affairs would engross his attention while abroad. It is said Mr. Morgan will spend at least a month in London.

Intimations that Mr. Morgan's trip might be related to another external loan by the allies met with denial from one of his business associates.



Men—  
if you want  
to know what  
Nectar tastes  
like, just try

Old  
Harper  
Whiskey

JOE GROGINSKI  
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Mr. Went-And-Cut-It  
—Here's Mr. 'Gets-It'

The New Plan Corn Cure That's as  
Sure as the Rising Sun.

"Glad to meet you!" says the razor  
to the corn. "I'll bleed for you!" says  
the corn to the razor. Razors and  
corns love each other. Corns love to



"Why, O Why, Did I Do It? 'Gets-It'  
for Me After This—If I Live!"

be cut, picked, gouged, salved, plastered  
and jerked out—they grow  
faster. Mr. and Mrs. Went-And-Cut-It  
realize it now—they use "Gets-It"  
instead—it's the wonderful, simple  
corn-cure that never fails. Stops  
pain. You apply it in 2 seconds,  
it dries at once, the corn  
is doomed. Nothing to stick to the  
stocking or press on the corn. It  
means good-night to plasters, salves,  
diggers, razors and toe-bundling. You  
can wear smaller shoes. Your corns  
will come right off, "clean as a whistle."  
Never inflames healthy flesh.  
The world's biggest selling corn cure.  
"Gets-It" is sold by druggists everywhere,  
25c a bottle, or sent direct by  
E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Bryan and recommended as the  
world's best corn remedy by M. H. James  
and the Smith Drug Company.

## FIRST CARRANZA CONGRESS TO MEET

[By Associated Press.]

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 8.—The first  
constitutional congress under the Carranza  
government in Mexico will be  
assembled at Queretaro on Sept. 15  
this year, according to a decree tele-  
graphed to the Mexican consul here.

## SUNDAY AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The services at the Christian  
Church last Sunday were of unusual  
interest. The Sunday school was in  
charge of E. G. Campbell, which made  
the service doubly interesting. Every  
one seemed enthusiastic over the op-  
portunity of training for holier work.  
The pastor's theme was "The Master's  
Prayer." "Before the simplest prayer  
all the doors of heaven open and  
God's ear comes close to his child." Every  
one present gained a broader  
vision of the essence of Christianity.

At the request of the pastor a num-  
ber of the members of the congrega-  
tion met before the evening hour's  
service with the full realization that  
the hour has passed when Christians  
can be indifferent to the program of  
God. They planned ways and means  
by which they could improve the serv-  
ices. Each member is urged to be  
present next Sunday and lend their  
efforts to make the services so inter-  
esting that the appeal will be irresist-  
ible.

## SHOT AT PROWLER.

A prowler was discovered in the  
back yard of Mr. and Mrs. Walter  
Higgs Saturday night about 10 o'clock  
by their young son, Chester Higgs,  
who took a shot at the intruder with  
a shotgun. The man was frightened  
away, but young Higgs was unable to  
tell whether the shot took effect or  
not. Nothing was stolen from the  
premises.

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## PRACTICAL WORK AT C. I. A. DENTON

Miss Mary Locke, Head of Brazos  
County Canning Girls, Gives  
Experience.

We consider our state meeting this  
year a success. As we were trying  
something new we were a little dubi-  
ous as to the outcome.

Our meeting was held Jan. 10-31 at  
the College of Industrial Arts, Denton.  
You know the motto of this school is  
"Learn to Do by Doing," and true to  
their slogan, we were immediately in-  
itiated into the work of all labora-  
tories.

The authorities having in mind the  
short period of our stay there, filled  
our time as completely as possible,  
consequently we came away with the  
knowledge that we have made an en-  
tirely new record compared with what  
is usually given in this length of  
time.

We were given instruction in  
dairying, poultry husbandry, laundry-  
ing, basketry, cooking, sewing, bac-  
teriology and had regular lectures in  
rural sociology. The latter were given  
by a lady of wide experience, Miss  
Humphries.

An editor of one of our big dailies  
while on a visit to us remarked that  
he had been of the popular opinion  
that a woman ceased to be a lady up-  
on associating with the wash tubs, but  
on coming to C. I. A. and seeing our  
charming teacher had been convinced  
he was in error. And Miss Simpson  
is just as proficient in laundring as  
she is lovely in her simple white cos-  
tumes.

We agents were allowed to give  
demonstrations in canning, preserv-  
ing, cooking, etc., and these were  
open to criticisms by our coworkers.

Very helpful demonstrations were  
given by Miss Ola Powell of Wash-  
ington. Mr. O. B. Martin also of  
Washington was with us one week  
and gave good talks from time to  
time.

Miss Kippler, state agent of Louisi-  
ana, was present and lectured on  
home made labor saving devices.

Mr. McLain of the federal depart-  
ment of agriculture gave the best but-  
ter making demonstration I have ever  
seen. He is strictly a practical man  
and implored us that whatever we  
did not go into the scientific side  
so much as to tell in our demonstra-  
tions what particular kinds of bac-  
teria were good for milk and what  
ones harmful, etc. He also cautioned  
us about too expensive utensils for  
butter making, for instance, we had  
two kinds of butter molds. Of course  
we were to choose the less expensive.  
There was \$1.50 difference in price,  
and said Mr. McLain, in his great  
Irish style: "If a man had a dollar  
and a half he shouldn't make butter."

MARY LOCKE,  
Commercial Club and Home Demon-  
stration Agent.

## WOULD BULLDOZE THE GOVERNMENT

Armor Plate Makers Made Threats  
Should Government Go into  
Competition With Them.

[By Associated Press.]

Washington, Feb. 8.—Private armor  
plate manufacturers notified the senate  
naval committee today they would  
raise the price of armor plate \$200 a  
ton if congress decides to erect or  
purchase armor plate factories for the  
government. The committee, never the  
less, voted to recommend government  
plants.

The committee orders a favorable re-  
port of the bill authorizing the expen-  
diture of \$500,000 to equip the Mare  
Island navy yard for battleship con-  
struction, and \$100,000 to enlarge the  
New York navy yard facilities, and the  
bill to introduce 300 midshipmen to  
the first class at Annapolis in July.  
Both bills passed the house yesterday.

## B. C. CLARK LEFT LARGE ESTATE

Marlin Millionaire Provided for  
Schools, Churches, Elks' Lodge  
and Relatives.

[By Associated Press.]

Marlin, Tex., Feb. 8.—The will of  
the late B. C. Clark was probated to-  
day. The estate is estimated at \$1,  
000,000. Marlin churches, schools,  
Elks' Lodge and relatives all come in  
for large shares.

LOST—Between Kurten and Reliance  
Saturday. Raincoat buckle fasten-  
ers. Finder please return to L. O. Mc-  
Gee.

## BIG LEVEE WILL SOON BE COMPLETED

Within Next Sixty Days Work in  
Drainage District No. 1 Will  
Be Completed.

After overcoming many trials and  
difficulties, and after being delayed  
from many and varied things over  
which they had no control the men  
having in charge the construction of  
the big levee in drainage district No.  
1, Burleson County, have about  
brought their work to a close, and  
within the next sixty days it is be-  
lieved that this great project which  
means so much to the people of this  
country will have been completed and  
50,000 acres of land will be above the  
ravages of high water.

Doubtless a great many people are  
not very familiar with the difficulties  
encountered or the actual cost and  
worth of this big undertaking, so the  
Eagle believes that a few lines of  
history in connection therewith will  
not be out of place. This district was  
organized and known as Burleson  
County drainage district No. 1, or-  
ganized under an act of the legisla-  
ture of 1908, but the attorney general  
held that the district did not apply to  
that law because the methods em-  
ployed tended more to keeping off  
water than in carrying it away.

In 1909 the legislature enacted an  
improvement district law under which  
all obstacles were removed in so far  
as this district was concerned, and  
the district was reorganized and  
\$215,320 worth of bonds issued. Con-  
struction work on the project was un-  
dertaken in 1910. On Dec. 3, 1913,  
the big overflows occurred at which  
time all levees in Texas overtopped  
and caused more or less damage.

On Aug. 2, 1914, an election for the  
issuance of additional bonds to com-  
plete the work was held resulting in  
\$136,405 being voted. However, in the  
early part of January preceding this  
election, three miles of the original  
levee that had been destroyed at the  
upper end of the district was recon-  
structed by the public enterprise of  
the citizens in that end of the Brazos  
Valley who advanced \$28,000 in cash  
in order that the work might proceed  
and which was wisely expended, as  
was later proved, when a big over-  
flow came and had it not been for this  
preliminary work in advance of the  
bond issue, more than 50,000 acres of  
splendid land would have become in-  
undated. In April of 1915, when the  
first severe flood came after the con-  
struction of the levee 12,000 acres  
were protected at the upper end of  
the district by the levee, and had all  
the gaps been completed at that time  
more than twice that amount of land  
would have been saved from overflow.  
The levee proper is twenty-six miles  
in length, twenty-five miles of which  
are in a completed state, and with no  
unforeseen difficulty the other mile  
will soon be completed.

R. S. Newsome has been commis-  
sioner of the district since the work  
was started, and it has proven a most  
wise selection. Mr. Newsome is the  
gentleman in charge of the Koppe  
plantation. W. S. Mial has been active  
as secretary of the board and T. T.  
Goodwin, these three gentlemen being  
in charge of the affair seeing to  
the proper expenditure of the money.  
Chas. Nordstrom was the contractor  
in charge of reconstruction work,  
while Horace Boyett, a Bryan raised  
boy and a graduate of A. and M. Col-  
lege, was resident engineer. The en-  
tire work proper has been under the  
supervision of J. C. Nagle of Austin,  
superior engineer, who has been  
on the job early and late since 1910,  
and he has established an enviable  
reputation, both as to his ability and  
also as a very pleasant, courteous and  
affable gentleman.

We believe that the people who will  
have to pay the taxes to meet the  
bond payments will never regret the  
day they put into operation this gi-  
gantic project, for it will not only  
prove a money saver, but a land saver  
as well.

## VICTIM OF HER OWN PRECAUTION

Woman Hid Jewelry in Old Shoe and  
Afterwards Gave Shoes to a  
Tramp.

[By Associated Press.]

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8.—Fearing  
burglars, Mrs. C. L. Knapp, a few  
weeks ago hid \$300 worth of jewels  
in an old shoe. Shortly afterward  
a mendicant applied for clothing aid  
and when Mrs. Knapp wanted to wear  
her rings today remembered having  
given the shoes away. The police are  
looking for the tramp.

Associate with men of good quality  
if you esteem your own reputation,  
for it is better to be alone than in  
bad company.—Washington.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB WEEKLY MEETING

Move Started to Have Stores to Close  
During Morning Hour of Union  
Revival This Spring.

The Bryan Commercial Club held  
its regular weekly meeting Tuesday  
morning at 10 o'clock, and when  
President E. J. Fountain called the  
body to order a fairly representative  
number of the directors was present.

In line with the ever progressive  
spirit shown by the Bryan people  
when anything of importance is to be  
considered, much enthusiasm was  
manifest. After some little discussion  
of the Brazos navigation project, the  
matter was left in abeyance until a  
future date, but the committee having  
this matter in charge was continued  
in power.

Rev. C. T. Tally, representing the  
Pastors' Association of Bryan, was in  
attendance and brought before the  
body the contemplated co-operative  
union revival to be held in the early  
spring, stating that it was desirous  
to have the co-operative support of  
this organization, to the end that the  
meeting should prove a success. Par-  
ticularly was it desired by the Pastors'  
Association to have the co-operation  
of the Commercial Club in securing  
the consent of the merchants to close  
during the morning hour of the meet-  
ing. After listening to Rev. Tally's  
statement, the following resolution  
was read and unanimously passed:

"We, the members of the Bryan  
Commercial Club present, strongly in-  
dorse the closing of business houses  
and offices on week days, except Sat-  
urday from 10:30 to 12 o'clock during  
the co-operative revival, and urge the  
president to appoint a committee of  
three to co-operate with the Pastors'  
Association and present a petition to  
the merchants to close."

After the adoption of the above res-  
olution the following petition was pre-  
pared and ordered circulated among  
all the business men of the city:

We, the undersigned business and  
professional men of our city, hereby  
agree to close our respective places of  
business from 10:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock  
noon (Saturday's excepted) during the  
general union revival to be conducted  
in our city by the pastors of our  
churches, assisted by Evangelist Geo.  
C. Cates.

We do this because we understand  
the work of Mr. Cates to be especially

that of reaching and bringing a bless-  
ing to men, and we wish to give our-  
selves and our employes a chance to  
receive the great blessing which is  
being given to so many other cities  
where he goes. We would not stand  
in the way of any great good coming  
to the people of our city, therefore we  
sign this agreement.

## COTTON GROWERS FACE HEAVY LOSS THROUGH POOR VARIETIES.

Bryan, Tex., Feb. 8, 1916.—"Cotton  
growers of Texas are confronting the  
danger of losses running into millions  
this year," said M. H. Wolfe, a lead-  
ing cotton buyer of Dallas yesterday.  
"Frequently one hears \$300,000,000  
mentioned as the value of the Texas  
crop. In the event it is of inferior  
quality, or any appreciable amount  
of it is undesirable, plainly the loss  
can readily reach millions. The dan-  
ger now grows out of the tendency in  
some parts to plant what is known as  
"half and half" variety of cotton.

"Our experience in the buying field  
has convinced us that this type of cot-  
ton produces a short fiber—one that  
is not readily usable on the machines  
of the spinners. Quite naturally they  
object to it, and those who buy it re-  
fuse to pay standard prices for it.  
Nor is that all, for when the spinners  
begin to buy in one territory and find  
that they are getting occasional bales  
of the shorter fibered staple, they  
either lower the price they are willing  
to pay for all cotton in that territory,  
or they may refuse to buy in that sec-  
tion any further.

"Whichever alternative the spin-  
ners choose, the cotton farmer is the  
loser. The one who plants "half and  
half" loses because there is little or  
no demand for his product. The neigh-  
bor of this farmer finds that the price  
of his long staple article is lowered  
by the spinner who takes this means  
of recouping himself against the ac-  
ceptance of an occasional objection-  
able bale of "half and half" cotton.

"The interests of the cotton pro-  
ducers and those of the cotton fac-  
tors and exporters are pretty nearly  
identical. The better the grade of  
cotton, the longer and more workable  
the staple, the more it will be sought  
for by spinners, and the more profitable  
for all concerned will be the business.  
With the hope of getting higher prices  
for both producer and buyer, the Bryan  
Commercial Club has undertaken  
to expose the fallacy and danger of  
planting "half and half" cotton in this  
state."

Read the following:  
College Station, Tex., Feb. 3, 1916.  
—Mr. H. L. McKnight, Bryan, Tex.—

Dear Mr. McKnight: Relative to tests  
with "half and half" cotton conducted  
by the Texas Agricultural Experiment  
Station, will say that "half and half"  
strains tested here have been inferior  
to other standard varieties, such as  
Mebane. Undoubtedly many strains  
of "half and half" cotton will show  
great variation, both in production  
and in length of staple in a given lo-  
cality from year to year, depending on  
climatic conditions. Samples of "half  
and half" sent to the office of markets  
and rural organization, United States  
Department of Agriculture, Washing-  
ton, D. C., for actual measurement of  
length of fiber have been classed as  
11-16 to 3-4-inch, and the grade as  
"strict low middling," with the state-  
ment that such staple would not be  
acceptable on the New Orleans mar-  
ket. In view of our tests and these  
statements, based on a large number  
of actual measurements, we would not  
recommend half and half cotton to  
farmers. Very truly yours,

A. B. CONNER,  
Agronomist in Charge.

"The Texas farmers should stop  
planting "half and half" cotton. By  
growing it they are injuring the cot-  
ton production and cotton business of  
the state, injuring themselves most  
of all. Larger yields of standard var-  
ieties of cotton, and certainly much  
more profitable yields may be grown  
by the use of good seed and right cul-  
tural methods.

"BRYAN COMMERCIAL CLUB."

## PROF. POU IN MARLIN.

Professor R. L. Pou of the extension  
dairying department, A. and M. Col-  
lege, went to Marlin Monday, where  
he expects to spend this week assist-  
ing the county agricultural agent of  
Falls County in promoting the dairy-  
ing industry of that county.

## GREAT NATIONAL EVENT.

Celebration of Washington's Birth-  
day and Festas at Laredo on Feb. 20  
to 26. Very low fares via Internation-  
al & Great Northern Railway. Tick-  
ets on sale Feb. 19, 20 and 21; season  
limit Feb. 27. Limit of popular fare  
tickets, Feb. 24. Unique and novel  
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The Case line of implements cannot be beat. Backed by an iron clad  
guarantee, and will do everything a man wants or asks of a plow, and then  
some.

If you want to be happy, go to bed happy, get up happy, have all the  
folks around you happy, well, buy yourself an Empress or 20th Century  
planter. You know what they are and what they will do, and they do not  
need commenting on, as they have been sold, used in and around Brazos  
County for twenty or twenty-five years, and today leads them all. Don't  
be misled by something claimed to be just as good or better.

We have a few John Deere plows and cultivators that we are going  
to sell at and below cost—you might say at your own price. Call around  
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